

Monster Musume Harem wo Tsukurou!

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Chapter 43: Sasha-sensei's unexpected acting skill and Lime's turn

Because the heroes were ready to participate in the subjugation of the thieves, we made up a strategy. Well, with the state that the thieves are inside the cave it is necessary to confirm their numbers. If the thieves go out somewhere, then the possibility that they will do a surprise attack on us after we entered the cave is high.

"Even if we ask those fellows over there, how do we confirm the number of people inside?"

"It can be utilized by my familiar. Because she is a slime, she is hard to find when she is in her liquid form. Her skin is silver, so it doesn't reflect light and she can spy and find their numbers" Tsuchio

The external color of Lime changed to a dull silver. Uh, she will take care of this.

"While sharing magic with me, she can move separately and just inform me about the state inside that this fellow sees, therefore she fits the scouting role" Tsuchio

"Then, let's entrust it to your familiar. As soon as she is ready to invade, let us disempower the lookout"

"Understood. Sensei, can you listen to something" Tsuchio

"What is it?" Sasha

"In the shadow of Lime, can you let Garm lie hidden? When she is found, it is likely to easier fight if there is one more" Tsuchio

"Okay, let's try it" Sasha

Garm comes out from teacher's shadow and looks into the shadow of Lime. Seeing a huge wolf coming out of the shadow of Sasha-sensei suddenly, the heroes are surprised.

Garm who looked at the shadow of Lime for a while, crawled into her shadow smoothly. Only the head looked out and some words were barked towards Sensei.

“Somehow there is only place for one. Just like this Garm lies hidden and seems to support Lime if she is found by the robbers” Sasha

“Thank you very much. Lime you only need to confirm the structure of this cave. If you’re in trouble about something, which would be a problem in your judgement, inform me immediately. Okay?” Tsuchio

“Koku” Lime

“Good. Preparations are finished, so what do we do about them?” Tsuchio

The neighborhood of the cave entrance opens up without trees growing. If we go from the front, we are to be seen immediately.... Whether we shot with magic from a far place or approach quietly and hold them down isn’t good either. Because we want to know the structure and the number of people, I’d like to hold these two thieves down in this place.

“I will do it. Everybody, please watch from a place which isn’t seen from them” Sasha

Two Garms jumps out of Sensei’s shadow and jumps into the shadow of some trees. And they just jumped from shadow to shadow until they had moved just beside the robbers at the entrance by making a wide turn. Their traces were not felt at all...However, how will they suppress the robbers? They are holding their breath at the shade of the trees which is several meters away from the entrance now.... Do they jump on the robbers from there? No matter how I look at it, an alarm would be put out.

Sensei who confirmed that the Garms finished moving, left her weapon and protective gear by me and walked from the front to the entrance. The robbers who saw Sensei approaching stood up while seeing her unarmed body and had a vulgar smile on their faces.

“Hey hey Nee-chan. What’s the matter, in the depth of such a forest” Robber
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“E, a...” Sasha

“Are you lost? Then we can guide you. Well, you naturally have to compensate us” Robber 1

“So it is, it seems you don’t have money, so you have no choice but to pay us with your body!” Robber 2

“N!” Sasha

The robbers were approaching sensei who showed a frightened state. On the way of that, when they passed the shadows of the trees where the two Garms hid themselves, they crept into the shadow of the two robbers without a sound. After that’s seen, Sensei ran away back in a hurry.

“Haa, do you think that you can escape?” Robber 1

“Wait a moment!” Robber 2

Robbers who were tempted, started running. After leaving the cave to some extent, Sensei stopped on the spot. When the robbers who ran after her were going to catch up, Garm jumped out of the shadows and overwhelmed the robbers by hanging over them.

“Wh, what is that!? From where did it sprang out and appeared!” Robber 1

“Shit, get away!” Robber 2

The struggling robbers acted violently, but naturally, Garm didn’t retreat by that level. Because Sensei was beckoning, I took her armor and ran towards her.

“Excellent, it was quite good good acting” Tsuchio

“That was nothing, and with that, only the interrogation is left” Sasha

“Shouldn’t Sensei do it?” Tsuchio

“You’ll be more suited” Sasha

“Haa, I didn’t do it because I like it...” Tsuchio

Well, let’s handle it properly since we did it. I can’t take too much time, therefore I must let them spill it out quickly.

“Ahem...I want to ask you something. You, are you a companion of the thieves who made that cave their hideout?” Tsuchio

“It, its different...” Robber

The face of the man who started to say that it is different is kicked,

“If you tell a lie, it will only be painful! I will hear it once again, are you a companion of the thieves who made this their hideout?” Tsuchio

“Thats right!” Robber

“Good. Answer my question now and don’t lie. If you tell a lie, I’ll let you taste pain which is as if you’re dying, so answer me honestly, okay?” Tsuchio

The two robbers nods. I will finish it quickly.

“Then the first question. How many humans are now in that hideout? Other than among those, are there any companions?” Tsuchio

“N, Now there are 13 people inside! We don’t have any other companions! Just yesterday, the baggage we took away has been converted into money by the chief and everyone should have a spree at this time!” Robber

“Is it so! So it is no mistake!” Tsuchio

I catch the face of the robber who yells in various ways and magic is raked up to his face at a dash. Blood gathers and his face is being dyed deep red.

“Agagagagaga!!!???”

“Giyaaaaaa!!!”

“When telling a lie, do you want to feel pain as if you’re dying? Say the truth properly”

“38 people. We’re 38”

“It is the truth! Because it is true, stooop iit aaaaaalreeady!!!”

Indeed under such a condition, they may not be able to afford to tell a lie. The robber lost all his strength and looked down on the ground when I released my hold. Ue, my hand is dirty with tears and saliva.... From now on, let’s grip the head.

“Then, the next question. That cave, how wide is it ? Are there any rooms, where you have your spree?”

“Th, the spree is surely in the back square. Other than us, all members should be drinking alcohol there!”

“It’s in front of the biggest way! I don’t know how many roads it branches from there, but for now it’s none! It’s enough with this right, release us!!”

“You aren’t lying right?”

“Ah, I’m honest! Please let us go!”

“If there are no more questions, free us quickly!”

“Okay, I’m tired. Lime”

Lime put her fingers which transformed into a needle in the mouth of the thieves and pour a very small amount of relaxation in. The poison takes effect inside the body after several minutes, so they will lose all of their strength.

“With this, they aren’t able to move surely for 1 day. Though relaxation is bad, the heart doesn’t stop. They only lose all their strength”

“For now, let’s leave them around there. If they are beside your dragon, no monster will appear”

“So it is. Well then, Lime go scouting”

“We will leave it to you. Meanwhile, we will hide them somewhere”

“Lime don’t overdo it. Come back as soon as you are exposed and don’t interfere as much as possible”

“Koku”

After nodding, Lime changed into liquid and went into the cave. Lime, please come back safely.... The worst would be that there may not be information from you!

<Lime’s side>

Seen off by my father, I entered the cave. It is a moderate area, but my elder sister wouldn’t fit in as expected. If it is Rin, she seems able to go inside somehow.

After I stick onto the ceiling, I advance to the depths smoothly. Though there are torches put on the passage in some places, there are also many places

where light doesn't arrive.

First of all, I aim for the place called square. There I confirm whether it is the exact number of people and I shall check whether there is no other companions elsewhere. Possibly, father will give some words of praise to me..."Well done, Lime!" when he will say it, he will pat my head...uhuhuhuhu. Surely Rin will be jealous. She tries to conceal it, but when it can't be hidden at all it is very lovely. Truly, Rin is like a lovely younger sister. She offers everything from her heart to her body for father, because it is her supreme joy. She is jealous like everyone else, uhuhuhuhu.

As I advance to the depths, of a place where many human traces are, is sensed. Perhaps that place will be the square, which that thief talked about. There were some crossroads on the way, but I didn't find any signs of life from there, so there is no lie.

I stop just before the square and quietly listen the inside. Many men are drunk and were eating while making an unpleasant uproar. By an upset beer barrel, there was even a fellow who was drinking as if he is bathing in it. Because all targets are drunk, the subjugation won't be a problem. The number of people...is just 23 people. Let's listen attentively for a moment.

"Chief, let us attack a village next time instead of a merchant group! As expected, adventurer parties are too strong-minded often!"

"If it is a small village, it is easy to kidnap women! Recently, it is getting lonely! Hahahaha!"

"Hmm, motivation!?"

"Everyone, after it's regretted, it is too late!"

"The number of people also increased"

"Aren't we 40 people yet? At first we were only around 15 and it is more than twice now. If we increase steadily from now on, it isn't impossible to make more money!?"

"We'll work again tomorrow. For today, drink as much as you can!"

The number of people seemed to match somehow, so I transmitted it to

father and was about to return. Before that thief comes, I have to return to the outside....

“Hey, you. For the guys who have watch, bring them some alcohol. It should be running out soon”

“Ok”

When I just turn around, a robber comes out of the square with alcohol in his hand and looked up to the ceiling where he discovered me who was on the ceiling.

“Na!? ch, chief, a strange thing...!”

I stretch out my arm immediately and it went through the thief’s head, but I fall to the inside of the square and I am seen with the corpse by the guys who drank alcohol inside.

“Nna!? You, an enemy came! Kill the intruder!”

Because several knives flew at me I leave the place while avoiding them. I return to the exit hastily. Garm comes out of my shadow and allowed me to get on its back to run faster to father’s location. In spite of the strict order to not be found out, our surprise attack has been exposed to the thieves through my failure.... I can’t show my face to father, this time I will receive his fraudulent punishment....

＜Tsuchio’s side＞

Lime who reported about the thieves in the square and that she has been found out by them apologized for it in various ways, but now isn’t the time for that. Just like that more than 20 thieves rush here now suddenly!

“Lime was discovered and the thieves are chasing her right now. She is escaping on Garm, so all thieves are coming at once now!” Tsuchio

“Everyone, please make yourself ready for it. We will ambush them in a place slightly away from the entrance. Kurumi-san, when Garm comes out from the entrance and you see the thieves, please fire magic to the cave. As much as possible, it should be magic with a wide attack range” Sasha-sensei

“I understand!” Kurumi

“You won’t be able to beat all of them with that, but as soon as they come out of the cave, please set it. It’s expected that it’ll be a confused fight, so each two people should fight together. Guarding Kurumi and Saiko will be entrusted to the knights”

“Understood”

Lime, return early.... For the moment, there is no injury and Garm wouldn’t be tired from running.... Because she doesn’t have to apologize, she shall concentrate now on returning.

Within one minute, Garm and Lime jumped out of the cave. Immediately in front of me, Lime begins to kneel on the ground. Kurumi turns her cane to the cave and the tip shakes subtly. From the fact that she has the will to kill a human now, the sin and feeling of fear that faded would well up again. Saiko put her hand around Kurumi’s hand to suppress the shiver. Lime, don’t mind kneeling down and please concentrate on the thieves now. When I tell her so, Lime tries to retrieve her current failure by making her blood thirst overflow and keeping her claws. As for Ruu and Rin, there is no fighting spirit and they don’t prepare for the thieves.

And at the same time as the light of the torches flickers in the cave, Kurumi throws a fireball into the inside. A big roaring and explosive flame arises, which became the gong of the start of the battle. Well, what kind of reaction will they show if the heroes who came from modern Japan fights against the thieves. Let’s see if they allow me to do so.

Chapter 44: Fight with the thieves

Several robbers who were in the circle burned from the bomb's blast and vanished from the cave. Afterward, the humans whose whole body wrapped in flames came out with doubtful steps and fell down at the cave's entrance. The heroes' complexions...were pure white and they firmly stared at our opponents. Even here when the robbers came out, they seemed alright.

Climbing over the corpses of their comrades, the remaining thieves jumped out of the cave and collided with the knights who were waiting at the entrance. The robbers came out one after another and tried to enclose the knights. Roux charged at them and broke their defense, before standing opposite of the robbers. From her shadow, Lime jumps at one of the thieves and swings her claws around wildly. Rin fires magic blindly while running around and she occasionally kicks a robber to death. She usually uses magic to attack, but her physical attack is strong, too.... For the moment I can't utilize Rin's full abilities as a tamer....

"Sensei, let's go!"

"Please do not be late, I will act as the front!"

At night of the day before yesterday, because I kept on writing talismans earnestly while talking with teacher, it wasn't necessary to mind a residual quantity. Because Sensei can't be my sword, I decided to use talismans. If there are more kinds, the width of my support spreads, too...but it requires for me to study. As I'm now, it is likely to pull it to Ruu's foot.

Teacher pulled her sword out and cut the hand of a robber who held his weapon in his off hand, before her cutting the throat of another one who attacked with his sword immediately. Several other robbers approached her, but the talismans I threw at them hit their bodies directly while making an unpleasant sound, they were blown away.

Seiya cooperated with the knights and they acted well. Every time a robber was cut and hit, he raised a loud voice while shedding tears and crossing swords with the striking robber.

Saiko desperately chanted her magic which she threw at the thieves. Seiya received a small bruise and Kurumi healed every wound one by one. That place doesn't seem to have any problem, so let's concentrate on the front.

The thieves seemed to judge me and sensei to be the weakest somehow, so they surround us with great numbers. Ruu ran up in order to assist us, but the thieves who didn't surround us prevented her.

“Can you not take out Garm?”

“When it is near here, it's impossible.... It isn't so wide, so its mobility is lost...”

“In this case, we can't but do it ourselves. At first, let's open up a path!”

Talismans were scattered on the environment and produce a wall that surrounded us in any place other than the front. Furthermore, our speed was strengthened by the velocity of the wind from Sasha-sensei. The robbers kept hitting the talismans in order to break the wall, but I added more talismans one after another to keep on reinforcing the wall.

Therefore the robbers attacked from the place without a wall, however, teacher deals with them one by one. She makes use of her strengthened speed and moves around quickly, so our enemy can't aim at her.

We continued such an offense and defense for a few minutes, but for me, it felt like dozens of minutes. The thieves who were forced to stay were defeated by Ruu who came from the side. Rin made a hole in the enemy's formation with her dash, while Ruu charged at them. At the same time, Lime slaughtered the robbers who were going to break the wall from behind.

Next, the robbers who were routed by Ruu's invasion scatter, try to run away, but the heroes and the knights were waiting for them. Because their number decreased to ten people, they'll be captured easily. Those who charged desperately were hit by shields and were kicked into their stomach before they're knocked down to the ground. In no time, were the remaining robbers cuffed with a rope and rolled on the ground.

“Huu, it ended safely. Everybody, are there any injuries?”

“We are all right. However, the heroes...”

Although this medium-scale thief group could be controlled without big injuries, the faces of the heroes weren't looking fine. They dropped their weapons and shook while seeing one's hands with a white face so as to be morbid. Saiko vomited again, while Taiga was at his wit's end and crouched down. Humu...Are they alright?

"...Heroes, how are you guys feeling??" Tsuchio

"Not good.... However, isn't unnecessary to worry...?" Kurumi

Kurumi courageously stares at me. She is a strong woman...Well, it is a reason that killing a person directly because it is part of recovery....

"So, you don't need to worry. It will be an unpleasant feeling. You seem to be able to kill devil beasts without a problem..." Tsuchio "Even as for devil beasts, there is no reason why we have to kill them!? Still, the feeling of bones breaking still remains on the handle"

"...You pass" Tsuchio

"...." ...Eh?...." Heroes

Huu, they may advance by the thing according to my imagination. According to my plan, the disgust of killing was planted more strongly into them. If I make a mistake here, the heroes might become maniacs....

"E, Eh? What do you mean?"

"What did we pass?"

"Explain it properly!"

"...Shut up your mouths.... Please wait for a moment! Because I'm consulting with Sensei right now!" Tsuchio May I say it? I wasn't told to make a secret so that the circumstances of the country were to get affected....

I separate myself from the heroes for the time being and ask for Sasha-sensei's opinion.

"What should I do? Should I say it?" Tsuchio

"For national circumstances, it is likely better not to reveal it" Sasha
"However, if it's concealed just like that, only distrust to the country will

remain. Someone have to say that they passed..." Tsuchio "I'm, I'm sorry, I absolutely wanted to tell them..." Tsuchio "...May you not mind it particularly? Will it be necessary for the heroes' growth?" Sasha "Yes, rather than growth, it is for the future feelings" Tsuchio "I see, I have to say by the process of the practice, I would also explain it. It isn't prohibited, therefore you may say" Sasha "Then, if you insist" Tsuchio

I return to the heroes. If I tell them this, their training will almost end.

"Can you explain it now?" Hero

"Yes, for you guys we went to this place so I can implant the disgust of killing something into you daringly. If I say it more simply, is it the feeling of not to want to be used to killing?" Tsuchio "Eh? But then the demons can't be killed..." Hero

"Demons are like humans, but their essence is greatly different from a human. Because you cannot murder a human, it was not sure if you couldn't kill a demon" Tsuchio "So far, we are totally different!" Hero

"Yes, I asked Sensei to do that, too. Having fought with monsters and thieves, as I said a short while ago, it's for you guys to hold a sense of hate to kill someone" Tsuchio "Again why such difficulty. Even if you don't do such a thing..." Hero "You, do you not enjoy killing?" Tsuchio

"Ye, yes" Heroes

Well, normally it is so. But the heroes aren't ordinary.

"If you don't do this practice and go to the field, could you endure a war?" Tsuchio "That..."

Equally, everyone fell silent. A war can change a person, but humans are going to adapt to that severe environment.

"By my choice, I participated in a war-stated mock battle with the heroes and almost destroyed their spirits. Whether they'll be a person maimed for life or a slaughter machine, do they come to enjoy killing one another....? What kind of look would it be though it won't be good" Tsuchio "..."

"What I want to tell the heroes, is one thing. Absolutely, you must not enjoy

killing. If you enjoy it, you will be the same as a demon. Don't become accustomed to killing. It is fine to feel guilt and disgust" Tsuchio "..."

"The battlefield where you go to is a place where a lot of lives were lost. You will step over corpses, but you must advance forward. A more severe fight will be waiting for you from now on, so for the people who died already, please remain like you are right now" Tsuchio "...I will take it in my heart" Seiya

"I thank you and I am sorry for all of my impoliteness indeed" Izaria "Likewise, thank you, I noticed something important thanks to Mikado" Taiga "I will be never used to war!" Saiko

"Or perhaps I should say I will not be used even if I want to be used" Saiko
"You're right, Mikado-san, Thank you very much" Kurumi

The heroes gave their thanks. Huu, it'll be all right with this for now. My nail stung them, so it is up to them afterwards.

"Everyone must be tired, let's return after we come back to the lodging and take a short break" Sasha While seeing the knights running after the heroes who return to the lodging, Sensei and I follow from behind.

"This time thank you. The most was left to you" Sasha

"We are similar in age, so I can understand them. Being found here, aren't you a teacher" Tsuchio "...I am still in my twenties" Sasha

"I am still in my teens" Tsuchio

"What really.... However, it is surprising that the words they shouldn't be used to killing came from your mouth. You seem completely familiar with it" Sasha
"A person with experience tells so. When they are used to kill someone, something important is lost" Tsuchio Well, there isn't a sense of guilt from the cause. Even if I pull it out, I think I'm different now from my former self.

"...Will you be fine? For you, it'll be important" Sasha

"...Well, speaking of the things that are important to me now, are Ruu and the others. For everybody, to sacrifice yourself is a cheap thing" Tsuchio "Is it so.... Isn't suppression being enjoyed?" Sasha

"Of course, I haven't crossed over to no fighting" Tsuchio In the place where

the demon beasts and thieves were killed, only materials were left behind.

“We can’t teach them anymore, so we will return tomorrow” Sasha “Oh, now that you mention it, did sensei do the mock battle?” Tsuchio “It was so if you say so. Everything has been taken by you” Sasha “Haa.... From the beginning, if Sensei did it, would it be okay? Particularly, I didn’t have to be here...” Tsuchio “Well, when the result is good, everything is good. They are leaving, therefore let’s hurry” Sasha “Ah, please wait!” Tsuchio

At any rate, my relation with the heroes might end by this. I was able to use the talismans in an actual battle. Besides I’m also thinking variously, while I seem to become busy when I return.

We returned to the academy by Saiko’s transfer magic after she revived her magical power and we all separated immediately. Because their training ended with this, I heard that the heroes will return tomorrow morning to the capital. Therefore after improving their abilities with the knights, they will go to the north fortress. I want them to do their best by all means.

When I came back to the dormitory after sending my familiars to the monster stable, I was questioned closely where I went by Lucas and the others. Because I didn’t go to class for these past few days, they were worried. Still, because the truth can’t be said, I deceived them by saying that my class was cut and I made an excursion. They seem to be very angry when I ate dinner with them. They didn’t hear what I said at all.

『For such a reason, I spent a few days together with the heroes』Tsuchio
『Hee, heroes huh...』Spirit

That night, after I confirmed that Lucas slept, I spoke with Spirit-san per telepathy. I didn’t talk to her in this past one week and at a stretch, I talked about the event with the heroes.

『Not to become accustomed to killing, only their mouth is full-fledged』Spirit-san
『Ability adheres, too』Tsuchio

『Tsuchio-kun wouldn’t be so strong by himself』 Spirit-san

『...Well, that’s true』Tsuchio

Therefore.... I write talismans and use them because I don’t have a skill in

particular only the quantity of my magical power becomes a problem or the talisman magic is inserted into the ink. Because I considerably use it, I increased the amount, but they are still average. For a strong image, I have to devise it variously.

『Yes, good. I want to see various things, so I will go there, too...』Spirit-san 『If it's so, you shouldn't come』Tsuchio

『You easily say so, but it is very difficult. I tried variously, although I think that a result is given soon...』Spirit-san 『Huh, you can leave the island? How? Isn't your body that huge tree?』Tsuchio 『I challenge it now! Because I'll go to your place, by all means, you can look forward to it!』Spirit-san 『Eh, it is physically impossible』Tsuchio

『For you metaphorically decision that I don't come, stupid TSUCHIO!』Spirit-san The telepathy was cut. Well, it is pleasant to make fun of Spirit-san. Wow, Spirit-san can leave. Tomorrow, let's try hard making talismans!

Chapter 45: Heroes go back and the pinch of the kingdom

The next day since we returned from the valley to the academy, the heroes were seen off grandly and returned to the capital. It must have been quite the hard work because their appearances were severe when they came back. After that, I was summoned to the principal's office with Sasha-sensei after school and we reported about the training of the heroes. Like, what kind of things we did or what kind of state was it in. Only such simple things were told.

"From your mentions, the possibility that the heroes run out of control isn't so big anymore" Principal

"I also agree. As far as it is, the disgusting feeling of killing someone remained" Tsuchio

"It's no problem then. It is bad from me, to force such a troublesome work on you" Principal

"Believe me, it shouldn't be entrusted to a student.... There aren't any more of such things to do or?" Tsuchio

"Aa...I can't agree to that. There were some various circumstances in this place...I must really thank you Tsuchio-boya" Principal

"Then, as for these kinds of things, I wanted you to say that it was never so..." Tsuchio

"Now, the situation is already unstable. Especially, the north..." Principal

"What happened to the demon's offensive?" Tsuchio

"It seems that they settled down for once, but it is a lull. Because they have intermittently attacked even ahead for a moment, I begin to worry"

The attack of the demon beasts has decreased...However it may be, a signature to raise simply, which is only wishful thinking.

"If it isn't the quiet before a storm, it's good..." Tsuchio

“It seems the country will send reinforcements before they send the heroes. At the same time as sending the heroes, they seem to intend to push the enemy back at a stretch.... Hey, what is?”

“Is there a possibility that teachers and students will be called to the battlefield?” Tsuchio

“It is hard to say for the moment. Aside from the teachers, if they aren’t in a quite desperate situation, they wouldn’t summon students” Principal

“The students...who are called, are only fifth graders?” Tsuchio

The principal who has a difficult face falls silent. Eh, fourth graders? No, up to third graders!?

“Only the fifth graders might be called. Grades under them won’t become war potential. However in Tsuchio-boya’s case, how about...” Principal

“Because you have participated in the exploration of Danze island as a cooperator of the guild, your social position surely comes out immediately if they intend to check it. When it is really hopeless, you may be summoned...” Sasha-sensei

“...Are you serious? I don’t want to go to war...” Tsuchio

I don’t want to die. Then, there is an attachment to this school and I have friends too.... As for war...what should I do?

“For that everyone is the same. However, if Tsuchio-boya is summoned, I think the crisis can be extinct” Principal

“If you say such a thing, I can’t decline...” Tsuchio

While praying for such a thing not to happen, in the worst case, don’t I sprain the preparations alone in preparation for advancing....? I must mass-produce the talismans. Haa, fuck you knights.

On a day in an early summer after school, a month had passed since the heroes returned to the capital. The attack of the devil beasts had calmed down this past one month and the reinforcements arrived at the fortress too and seemed to strengthen the defense. The development of the talismans advanced and I were able to develop some new things. I thought about a bold move, for

the time being, I think that the width might not be reflected on a strategy to some extent.

Meanwhile, in the dormitory where I wrote five beautiful pentagrams on the talismans while putting my magical power in the ink, Lucas jumped into my room. When I see his rough breathing, he seemed to have run hastily....

“What happened, Lucas? You seem to be panicking fairly...” Tsuchio

“Haahaa.... Ts, Tsuchio it is serious!” Lucas

It is the same line like that time when the heroes came and his state was so funny. He doesn't look well and his ears are hanging down and shaking too.

“Calm down Lucas. What happened?” Tsuchio

“A, a large crowd of monsters attacked the north fortress and its fall seems to be imminent.... A peddler in the town said that there are a lot of strong demons and it seems to be a matter of time until they arrive at the capital. A large-scale war started immediately. A messenger seemed to just come to the academy from the capital and the fifth graders will probably go to the battlefield too...”

Lucas

That...they are really being driven into a pinch. This became a serious situation.... The capital is in the center of the kingdom, while this academy is to the south from it. It will take some time to come here, but it won't be an easy talk when the capital is conquered. Naturally, we should swap with them before arriving at the capital. If it's so, they need to gather people immediately and must deal with a correspondence....

“Lucas, deep breathing deep breathing. It is all right, Lucas won't go to the battlefield” Tsuchio

“But I am scared.... If they aren't stopped at the fortress, we may not be able to hold the capital” Lucas

“If they aren't allowed to go to the king capital, it is fine. I will look outside a little, take a rest in my room until you calm down” Tsuchio

“Okay...” Lucas

Now, how should I move? What would I do if they summon me...do I escape?

Unpleasant, this kingdom is a large country that follows the empire in this continent. If a kingdom falls into the hands of the demons, all neighboring countries are in danger. It is a crisis of a continental scale. A town may pretend to be disregard, but this problem is indeed too large. For the moment, my only whereabouts are in this continent. If it is smashed, my monster girl harem is only a dream within a dream. I don't think that victory or defeat is going to decide whether there is one of me or not...it is better than doing nothing. Well, it is a story when I'm summoned, but for now, do I wait for instructions from the principal?

Many students talked outside and are considerably rustled. I sewed between those and walked towards the monster stable. When I arrived, I went to my familiars' room and conveyed the content of the uproar.

"Because it is such a reason, I possibly may participate in the war. Do you understand" Tsuchio

"Guruu..."

"..." Puru

"Bururu?"

"What kind of role? I don't know until I hear it. However, because there seems to be a lot of strong demons, it is possible that I need to fight them" Tsuchio

Well...do I have to tell this?

"Everybody hear it well. You'll be in the same case when coming to take notice on the case, I want you to fight anxiously. Therefore, I may take some distance from everybody" Tsuchio

"Gururu!?"

"...!" Purupuru!

"Burururu!"

Everyone vehemently opposed. Quite so, the current way I'm fighting is by assisting with my devil's hand and creating a mighty blow. It was a feeling when you pressed someone at a stretch when he was weakened.

“Calm down, we aren’t parting for a long time. For the convenience of the strategy, it is better if we split up and fight separately. Since growing old, Ruu is excellent in close combat and Rin is good in magic and close combat, so both them can fight alone. Because Lime has a high secret nature, it is possible for her to kill someone unnoticed. Possibly you can be a support that may go around to assist the troops” Tsuchio

“...?” ...Puru?

“Even I’m able to fight by myself a little. Even if a powerful enemy comes, I’ll be able to endure it somehow until everybody comes back” Tsuchio

Apart from close-range battle, I am confident of fighting at a long distance. Even if they approach me, I think that I can escape somehow.

“Such a thing is a fact which may be possible. If it is necessary to do so, we will move immediately without asking for the impossible. Okay?” Tsuchio

“Guruu...”

“...Koku”

“Bururu...”

Everyone nods reluctantly. Well, I don’t intend to be separated from everybody very often. I believe that it does not mean that everybody doesn’t come back until I die. Well, do I participate in the war or don’t? Which will it be?

The next day, the fifth graders and I were selected from the fighting class and were called to a rather big classroom. They didn’t convey what they want, but everyone is almost convinced about what they want from us. Principal and the teachers of the fighting class entered the classroom and stood on the platform.

“...Is everyone here yet? Then let’s begin the talk. Everybody should already know that the north fortress is almost broken through. When it’s broken through just like that, the demon race and the demon beasts will stampede and surge to the capital. We must certainly avoid it. Therefore the top assumes that it is the kingdom’s greatest crisis and declares a state of emergency. We, the royal academy fighting class staff members and the fifth graders who took that lesson were summoned as guards for the magician corps. ...In short, it’s said that you have to participate in the war for your country” Principal

After the principal talked to us, she paused her speech once.

“...Because you’re the bodyguards of the magician corps, you won’t fight at the front. However, there is no change in going to the battlefield. The fact that you have come here without leaving the academy, isn’t a mistake when you’re prepared for it?” Principal

Dozens of fifth-graders gathered up their baggage during yesterday and left the academy. Because they aren’t students of this school at that time anymore, it isn’t necessary to come here today. Coming here is also an expression of resolution to go to the battlefield.

“I want to defend my hometown village!” Student 1

“If I run away here, it is impossible for me to become a knight” Student 2

“I can’t marry my girlfriend if we are disturbed by devil beasts!” Student 3

Several fifth graders cry like that. I have a feeling that there were some lines to be worried about a little, but it is because of their nature probably, they depend on it.

“...I think that it’s okay. Everyone will be divided under the command of a different teacher! If you arrive at your destination, obey the instructions of your teacher who is your commander! Okay!” Principal

『Yes!』Everyone

In that way, every student was divided under ten teachers. My commander was Sasha-sensei as expected.

“You didn’t run away” Sasha

“If the kingdom is conquered by the demons, it will be hopeless. Of course, I don’t intend to die at all” Tsuchio

“Ordinary, I intend to let nobody die” Sasha

After that, we talked a little about the strategy, before we broke up on that day. The departure is tomorrow, so we have time to prepare everything today. Only the necessary minimum is taken with us. I who was going to leave the classroom was stopped by the principal.

“Tsuchio-boya, wait a minute” Principal

“Yes, what is, Principal?” Tsuchio

After we waited for every fifth grader to leave, the principal begins to talk.

“It’s bad, that you’re involved in this. Normally, Tsuchio-boya shouldn’t be here” Principal

“No, because it is my intention to come here. If I intend to escape, I could run away anytime. From that, was the principal also summoned?” Tsuchio

“Yes, even to gather such an old woman, I think that my appearance isn’t minded really. The empire and the elf territory seems to be requesting reinforcements from the cave country” Principal

“Again as for it...your appearance isn’t minded certainly. Well, you aren’t changing the country” Tsuchio

“So.... To entrust that to the heroes, as expected, the result will not only rise but will also finish completely. They will prepare a reward that will please you” Principal

“I look forward to it. I can’t die now” Tsuchio

“Yes, I also have to hand this to Tsuchio-boya, so you can’t die here. I decide that I will die sleeping on a bed” Principal

“Well, because principal is an old woman, you shouldn’t force yourself so much” Tsuchio

“Tsuchio-boya, You can return already. If I force myself, the young vanity will go bad, and don’t go without telling your friends.” Principal

“Understand” Tsuchio

What do you tell Lucas and the others....? I don’t want them to feel sad for me, so let’s tell them in the middle of dinner lightly.

At the dinner room, after saying what was conveyed in the interval of our chat, Lucas and the others reacted unreasonably. Why do I have to go, why? It was hard to explain. After everyone was moved to tears and they said “Please don’t die” they embrace me. Well, I will be going to war, so their reaction of

that of me not coming back is ordinary.

The morning of departure. It's said that we depart just after the sunrise, so before the sun sets, I got up. A change of clothes, my weapon, the talismans and brush paper, and ink are packed. Well, there is nothing more to take with me.

We go to the north by carriage and join the military on the way. Adding to the knight's order are the adventurers from the capital, the neighboring towns, and the hired soldiers seemed to have gathered approximately, forcibly too. Therefore, our number seems to be on a considerable scale. Oh, there will be more demon beasts.

Now, do I go? When I tried to go outside, Lucas who seemed to have a wake-up call for me.

"Ah, Tsuchio-kun.... Have a nice day" Lucas

"Hmm, I'm leaving" Tsuchio

I replied back and opened the door. I must come back without dying!

Chapter 46: And the war begins

At the back entrance of the school where the wagons stop, the same amount of people as yesterday came over with their baggage. People who have large weapons put their baggage on the carriage and boarded. Ruu flies with Lime on her back, while I travel side by side with the carriage with Rin.

As soon as the preparations were over, the carriages departed immediately. Because whether their decision may be shaken, there is no seeing off. Did everybody finish it during yesterday? Because there's not a single person looking back towards the academy.

Even if they drive the carriages fast, it takes about a week to get to the north castle where the meeting place for the military will be held. If we are attacked by robbers on the way, it wouldn't pose a problem if it's only a small group. However, if we become tired because of the long journey, it's impossible to fight without getting injured. It's better if we stay in a nearby town at night, just to be safe.

I can move freely if I'm not attacked by devil beasts. Because I let Rin do most of the work I can't write any talismans and it takes most of my time to recover the rest of my consumed magic. So I decided to continue training my devil's hands on summer vacation.

Yes, I understood that this skill evolved, because the skill seems to grow and increase. After the heroes returned, there was an inspection for my magic amount and skills, at that time, a new skill has been acquired and its effects strengthened the skills that I had already acquired. Of course, it's only a matter, nobody is surprised about the skill. I checked what kind of effects that the skill has and well, the devil's hand gradually strengthen my control on magic

The skill that I just newly acquired was called talisman art. For combat, for a long time, I've been using different weapons and attack magic, so, how will I able to add talisman art to my arsenal? Do I have the talent...? Well recently, only talismans are being used, mostly because it seemed convenient and easier.

The amount of my magic has increased, considerably too, and has expanded

up to the average extent of my age group. There is an awareness in this place that caused my usable magic increased. Rather it would be dangerous if it didn't.... and If it didn't increase, I wouldn't be even able to use a diamond.

My current skills are devil's hand, caress and my support magic, which seems to have developed fairly. Since I understood that I grew up, I want to strengthen it steadily.

Now, Let's get back to the current story. With the training of my devil's hand, I can feel and manipulate the magic included in the atmosphere. Well, point is, even if I can feel it, it isn't a thing which can be understood without training for several years.

The ability of the devil's hand, lets me handle the magic power of whichever I touch directly with my hand. Then can I also handle the magical power in the air? So I decided to experiment with this idea in mind. I have no knowledge about the atmospheric composition in this world, but, it has the same properties as my old world because I can recognize it clearly. The atmosphere seems to be filled with magic because I found out that the power of devil's hands keeps on rising. Though that's just a speculation.

Though I think that it exists, the sense of its existence is thin. It took me approximately two months to grasp it for the first time. Although it took a little bit of practice, it went well in the end. After that, I was able to grasp an idea of how thin it was and how to possibly touch it. The next problem is how can I sense and feel the magic in the air.

I can always feel Ruu's magical power because of how dense it is. Even if I'm still poor at handling the devil's hands, I can sense how powerful it usually is.

But the magical power in the atmosphere is a different story. Its density is lower than the ones we have in our bodies. Well, I expected it to some extent. Since It is the energy of the earth, It's natural that it's thin because it spread all over the world.

That's why I needed several months to feel the magic in the air. And now, I can feel that thin layer of magic in the air. Exactly like the feeling that I grip the clouds, surprisingly, this resembles the magic of the creature. Because I'm able to feel it, I intend to use it this time.

That's why, I try to feel the magic in the air while riding on Rin... uh, and it is absolutely more difficult than feeling the magic! With the magical power of a creature, I shouldn't think that it is a completely different thing....

Without being attacked by devil beasts and robbers, we arrive at the departure point of the army according to schedule. A large number of tents are pitched and people with various appearances are coming and going. Everyone was wearing armor and polishing their swords with a heavy face.

"I meet the person in charge of this army now. Everybody, please go to the given place with the teachers. And teachers, please take care not to make a commotion" Principal.

After she said so, the principal walked away with a person who came to pick her up. As for us, we followed after the teachers who guided us.

On the way, many eyes are fixed on us. Most of them have surprised and pitiful eyes. For a child to participate in a war, it is nothing else than a tragedy....

We are taken in front of two big tents, where we were ordered to wait according to the guards here until there were other instructions. Ruu and the others are waiting outside.

Should I write and restock some of my talismans? If I don't have enough before the battle starts, It will be a big problem. Perhaps, after this, the strategy for the upcoming battle might be explained, till then, I'll write as much as possible.

After an hour had passed, the principal came back. She is accompanied by the person who came to receive us a short while ago. That person, will he explain the strategy?

"Everyone assemble! I will explain our strategy now!"

It seems that he has already told the girls somehow. Entering the tent one after another, the tent was full in no time. By the way, what kind of strategy is it?

"This time, I'll have you participate in this strategy. As for me, I'm the kingdom's first knight-adviser chief Linkrudo. Now, I shall explain the strategy to

everybody" Linkrudo.

"All members, hear it carefully. If you don't understand the plan, we will face an unbearable defeat!"

All faces are tightened. Well, what kind of strategy is it....

"This time, the mixed military unit of the adventurers and the employed mercenaries will attract the enemy towards them, while we, the knight's order and the heroes go through the gap that they made and defeat the boss of our enemies. Because the demon beasts excel in numbers, a long war is disadvantageous and because there are few chances of victory even if we prolong too much, we need to fight it out with a short-term decisive battle"

Well, It's a proper judgment. Reinforcements from other countries don't seem to have come and even if it's judged from the side of goods, a short-term decisive battle will be best. With the heroes and their weapons for the final battle, with our firepower, it can be settled. The problem will be the main enclosure.

"Are there any question?" Linkrudo.

"Yes, what is it?" Principal.

"If we defeat the main enclosure of the enemy, and according to some information that I received, there will be more than one demon that will appear in the battle. If that information is true, how do we deal with them?"

"At that time, the other corps will try to buy time until the heroes knock them down"

In short, the hope lies in the heroes. It became uneasy at a stretch....

"For every one of the academy, you will be in charge of guarding the magician corps. Although the adventurer and mercenaries units will try to eliminate some of them as much as possible, I think that the devil beasts which isn't knocked down will try to break through by all means. The magicians are here to try to support the other military units, while they protect the magicians when they cast any large-scale assault magic. Please obey the instructions of the teachers whose in charge of your unit"

Uuh, is this strategy going to be okay? I'm worried variously.... I mean I admit that this plan is good, however, in this one month, did the heroes become stronger? Well, if they didn't then this strategy will be useless.

Carrying out the strategy tomorrow, the demon's troops already seem to have occupied the fortress and are going to invade the capital. Although their numbers seemed great they move at a slow pace but they can't be left alone. It will be an urgent situation and there won't be time to wait for reinforcements at all. After the allocated place is told to every teacher, Linkrudo returned. I will sleep early today, In preparation for tomorrow.

In the early morning of the next day, the military leaves the camping ground and headed towards the north where the demons are. Even when we advance for about several hours, the adventurers who are going to scout visually recognizes the group of demons. Setting our headquarters at this place, we take out the battle formation and confront the demons on the plains.

The devil beasts greatly open aside and gradually come close. We, on the other hand, take our wedge-shaped battle formation to break through the center at a stretch. When the battle starts, the heroes and knight corps crash into the enemy lines center, the adventurer and mercenary corps attracts the enemy and try not to be circled. The magician corps at the back will try to protect and support the center as much as they can.

My unit is arranged on the rear left of the wedge and we try to guard the magician corps as planned. The adventurers and the mercenaries are taking a stance at the center, while the academy teachers and students are placed where the enemy doesn't comparatively come. The principal and the teacher for magic seem to be in charge of the magician corps.

“...Finally”

“Although the battle begins soon, you need to calm down very much”

“Is that so? Even if this is considerably tense, this is my first battle”

“I have participated in a large-scale subjugation of the guild, but this is also my first battle.... The atmosphere isn't much of a difference from a large-scale subjugation. Aren't you afraid of war?”

“I’m scared. However, if my familiars were to ever see me afraid, it would affect their morale, and they are even more scared than me already. So I have to put up a poker face in such a place.

“I see... will you fight at the back of your familiar as usual?”

“No, because of the dangers this time, I devote myself to a long-distance attack. When I’m with them, everyone can’t take out their full strength”

“If that’s the case, please don’t stray away from them so much. With just you alone, they’re too unreliable”

“I understand, and I don’t intend to die here”

The devil beasts gradually approach. When they’re seen from here, they are like wriggling black shadows. The next moment when I thought like that,

『GAAAAAAA ! ! ! ! ! !』

the devil beasts made a roar and begin to run at us at a stretch. We raise a loud voice so that the front-row soldiers would jump out and oppose them, while the magician corps begin to cast their magic immediately. I also place talismans between my fingers and throw them. As for Ruu, she goes into an action posture. Yosh... I will absolutely survive.

Chapter 47: Suddenly, Tsuchio in danger!

After the demon beasts collided with our military forces, hours have passed. Flame arrows, screams and the roar of the devil beasts flew around the area. This aspect describes exactly how chaotic it was.

We were placed at the back of the magician corps, where the devil beasts who slipped through will attack the center, and our job is to obstruct them. We can't let them come close to the magicians. Our battle formation may be too offensive. When the battle began, It started at an early time.

Everywhere devil beasts fight against soldiers. A gap-like space opens, rock and sticks fly out from the ground, a boulder lump lays oneself on the ground... So that you can see that it was an intense battle.

In the middle of that space, there are the silhouettes of two people. One of them was floating in mid-air while the other shadow grips the neck of that person with one hand. The person who was floating has his left arm bent outward, the flesh on his sides was scraped off and blood drips down from his clothes. You can see that he is covered all over with wounds, but his fighting spirit doesn't seem to have declined yet.

“...You’re still opposing me. I’m not a guy who knows that it’s hopeless”
Demon

The appearance of the fellow who is lifting the person was strange but fits the appearance of a living being. He has dark red skin, like dried blood that hung on to something. From the wide side of his head, one pair of twisted horns like a demon sprouted. His upper-body is covered with jet-black bristles, which wouldn't be even cut with an ordinary sword. The lower half of his body are goat legs and his considerable power is kept a secret, though it is thin on the surface this is definitely a demon and its intelligence seems to be high because he can speak human language, which not many demons can.

“GohoGoho! ...Because there is no chance, without fighting, it wouldn’t be a reason to kill you” demon

“Is this person as weak as a scarecrow? I don’t understand” Demon

“You wouldn’t understand your entire life, idiot!” Tsuchio

“What kind of person are you, to be killed by such a fool?” Demon

“It hasn’t been decided that I’m dead” Tsuchio

Tsuchio who is lifted up as his neck can still talk. His internal organs are probably damaged because whenever he talks with the demon he is vomiting blood. And his figure doesn’t appear that he is going to be killed soon.

“...I like your eyes. There is still a secret to your plan, so show it quickly. You’re weaker than the guys whom I fought so far and those fights were entirely worth it. Hey, I can wait so do it already” Demon

When the demon includes the power to Tsuchio’s arm, the cervical vertebrae scream creakily and while Tsuchio’s consciousness is about to fade away, and goes back to the time when the war started.

＜Tsuchio’s side＞

In the place where the magician corps, several magic spells are cast at the same time and echo. Apparently, the unit wants to cast large-scale magic immediately. Well even if they want to, their opinion might not be wrong.

In the front, the battle seems to have started already and the devil beasts haven’t broken through to our place yet. Because it’s an oblong wedge, we must be careful about any attacks that will come from the side. But preceding, when we assume that they would attack....

“The devil beasts come!!!” Magician

When I look up at the sky, plural birds-like and insect-like monsters fly to our place. After all, they attack from the top. While the ground devil beasts seem to have gotten close to the center, it will be only a matter of time until they come here. The magicians already begin to cast magic, however, they can’t strike them down. Those who have a bow equipped shot their arrows with the result that it isn’t so fragrant. For now, I’ll have Rin knock them down. She doesn’t have any problem because they looked like small fishes in her eyes.

“Rin, I ordered you to go to the sky. Reduced their numbers after you’re done,

please go around to support Ruu" Tsuchio

"Bururuu!" Rin

Rin runs up to the sky and scatters a thunder arrow on the vicinity. The devil beasts which were going to attack at any moment received the thunder arrow and crashed to the ground. The decisive blow is given to the students. However, I didn't move. An enemy was coming soon, this is because Ruu and Lime sensed it. ...Yosh, the last confirmation.

"A larger number of monsters are approaching. If it is necessary to reduce the number even a little, everyone can act separately. If you meet a demon or a powerful enemy, I will know about it through our connection and I'll come to your aid" Tsuchio

"Gururu"

"...Koku"

Although everybody objected, they would understand that such a thing couldn't be opposed, seeing the quantity of our enemy. They accepted it immediately.

"Devil beasts come from the front! Everyone, hold your weapon! By all means, act in pairs or in groups!"

At last the demon beasts approach us and our battle starts. Sasha-sensei pulls out her sword, and she summons her Garm pack who were in attacking mode.

When I start the battle, talismans came out of my sleeve and fit between my fingers without my intention. After acquiring the talisman art skill, the talismans started to move on their own selfishly to my hand. It isn't necessary anymore to move my hand into my bosom purposely and because some of my openings decreased, it's a convenient and subtle function. Thank you.

And at this moment the adventurers and teachers who were in the front row started the battle with the monsters. The students follow behind with a bit of delay.

Still, our purpose is to guard because our duty is to defend the magician unit. Therefore only a part of us goes out to the front and fight, while those who

remained behind the stick in front of the magicians and stop the enemy from passing.

I, in charge of the guarding role, while Ruu, Rin, and Lime belong to those who go out to the front and fight. Now while everything ahead is suppressed, they will come and attack here all at once.

While thinking, several goblin-like monsters passed through the previous defense line and approach us. While I am wondering whether my fifth-grade seniors will move out, I throw out my talismans. They stick to the head of those goblins without aiming badly and immediately fell down on their places.

Huu, because they looked like small fishes, was the talismans with strengthened penetration power okay? Somehow, more than half of the devil beasts consisted of small fry. Even if their numbers are large and in the place where such 1000 fellows are gathered around Ruu, no wound was inflicted.

“When the enemy comes, those who needs to leave, move out! Those who should stay, defend the unit!” Sasha-sensei

“Un, Understood!”

Afterward, the devil beasts come over one after another. Small fishes like the goblins at the beginning were defeated, while gradually stronger monsters appear to attack us.

When I defeated the goblins with the talismans, big, fat and pig-like monsters approached. Orcs are stupid and have propagative power, but they’re are strongly at the same power level as goblins. When they come as a group, they can be stupid for a moment and one of the most annoying fellows.

Such fellows came over in a group of ten. There is a fellow who seems to be stronger than the others, he probably will be a high-rank orc or something which evolved. Let’s reduce their number with range attacks.

Several newly made talismans which I took out are thrown sidewise in front of the orc group. They just pierce the ground, while the ground upheaves suddenly like a pillar and encloses the orcs.

My newest talismans attack by raising the ground. I imagined it to be pillars, while this time they become spears. Purposely attacking them by using nothing

other than talismans, reduce the consumption of my magical power to a little. The concrete image is alchemy and instead of putting hands together, I use talismans.

Being stabbed in the stomach and in the face by the rock pillars, the orcs writhe in agony because the spears have gone out of the side, they bear damage unless they retreated or exchanged it. The orcs whose number decreased were defeated by the students. As for that high-rank orc, I think that I could knock it down with no problem in particular.

Next big mantises came. There is one whose leg was wounded and while suffering such an injury he seems all right, therefore we shouldn't underestimate the vitality of insects. I attack it as if I didn't have any problem at all.

While dodging the sickles which swung around, I throw out talismans when I got the chance. I cut its leg, but it still has the vitality to continue fighting. This must be a joke, I can't neutralize it. It is a waste of talismans, however, let's knock it down with one hit though it's a little troublesome.

An image is formed, while I select a talisman. Tentatively, I divide between offense and defense. The first talismans I made are an exception because they create a wall that can also be used for an attack. It is originally for defense.

The pattern of the offensive talismans are pentagrams, if I say onmyoji, it's that design because it shows the conflict between the five attributes tree, fire, soil, gold, and water, it is easy to acquire the image of the attributes. Well, even a talisman of the semantic domain can be done. The feeling of acceptance is difference than I intend to do.

One talisman is thrown out and it blazes up in the air, before taking on the figure of a bee and flies to that mantis. Slipping through its sickles which were dumped to intercept it, it collides with the head of the mantis. That instant, a big explosion was caused and the head was blown off.

For now, the name of this talisman is fire-bee. Literally, it's is a bee made of fire who when in contact shines then explodes, making it a suicide attack. The image is slightly difficult, however, there is no problem if it doesn't work. I don't have experience the imagination of a modern day Otaku, nevertheless, I only

have that as a weapon!

For the time being, I let the talisman explode when it touch the target and I had no confidence that it would hit the head well. Even if the sickles are blown off or if its chest and abdomen are shattered, the mantis wouldn't die it's because the fire bee aims by itself selfishly. It's a masterpiece.

I think that Ruu is also fighting firmly because I see that the monsters in her surrounding are blown away. After Rin defeated the devil beasts in the sky, she seems to be firing magic blindly since coming down to the ground. Although all of it have a low power and low consumption rate, it's enough to stop our enemies. I don't know where Lime is, however she will fight somewhere too. By using the connection of our magical power, I understand that nobody is hurt. In a condition like this case, can we manage to come through...?

Suddenly, a dense energy is gathered at the back. When I look back unconsciously, a big magic formation is generated under the feet of the magician unit and a huge fireball formed in the air. Is that a group magic spell...? The amount of magic used is extremely different indeed. What kind of attack will it make....?

The fireball that came out to the air fell slowly. Do they intend to open a gap for the heroes, I want them to think about this a little....

The vast fireball which fell to the ground released an enormous heat capacity that is hidden inward and an explosion that is only proportional to the long casting and magical power arises.

The earth trembles by the impact and the heat can be felt from here which should be far away. To the impact of an earthquake, all members who were at that place kneeled down on the ground... If there is such magic, can we win in margin?

Ah, most of the magicians are exhausted, it must be a quite high ranked magic spell. Although it is a considerable big number of people, everyone is running out of magical power... However, a road was opened. Now we only need to defeat the boss.

"The gap for the heroes is open! The flow is suitable here! Magician corps cut your present magic! And protect us!"

『Oooo!!!』

The flow is certainly here, but is it just my imagination to think that our enemies were too weak? Are the strong ones collected in the back? ...Uh, It will be surely so and it will prove that there's something very important in the interior. No wonder that they were missing out. the heroes can defeat the boss quickly and our damage will be suppressed. Will it go well...?

Just after that, something falls from the sky and drops between the magician corps. The ground greatly cracks and the magicians who were running out of magic sank down and were blown off by the impact.

“Hey hey, I intended to welcome you because you guys wanted to release an extra-large magic with much effort... So what, are you already worn-out?”

The demon who looks like a devil with his twisted horns and red body kicks and complains about magician corpses while flying. That is a demon... bristled upper-body, strong arms and goat legs. If I judge it from its devil-like appearance, it's an all-around type who is good with magic and close combat. As for Ruu... It's useless because she is surrounded by enemies. Those devil beasts are trying to obstruct her...!

“Isn't there a guy who has the bone....? You over there”

“Hii!”

The demon points at a male student who was near me.

“Fight with me for a moment. You won't have to die if I am killed”

“A, A, Aaa...”

The demon walks towards that fellow. Whenever it moves forward with one step, he is overwhelmed by its force. It's magic isn't such a cheap problem. That male student is scared and seems to grow weak because of the demon approaching him. However, I have to move or he will certainly die. I'll die if I don't fight. Then... Let's fight.

“Hey, I'll do it”

“Hmm, is it so? You may go. Hmm, come here then”

“Aa”

I follow the demon. On this occasion, it seems that I guarded the other students and magicians.

“You may have the first move, come”

“...”

Obviously, there is a big difference between each other's ability, however, to be a match for the demon I need Ruu... however even if I howl to the moon, it's worthless. My purpose is to play for time, so let's do what I can do until Ruu arrives. Delay it with all my might... I can't die here!

Chapter 48: What on earth happened?

I stand at the opposite side of the demon. I made the first move and he looks at me and laughs. In particular, there's no need for a stance and such a way is unnecessary only because of my opponent's ability and experience is incredibly high, Magic-like experience.

I have to buy time when fighting such an opponent. Because Ruu is fighting with a ton of monsters, even if she knows that I'm fighting, she wouldn't be able to come to my aid and support me immediately, and I don't think that I can defeat this demon, therefore, I must hold out somehow.

While setting up some of my talismans, I construct a scenario in my head just to think of a way on how to fight this guy... I could use a bold move, however, the risks are too great and I don't know if it will work.

"Hey, I thought that you will come and fight me?" Demon

"I made a strategy, what about you?" Tsuchio

"No, I haven't worked out a strategy. I follow by instinct." Demon

Besides, are there other demons? In addition, the demon revealed that he will fight alone. If he is so smart, will he withdraw when the heroes attack him?

"Well then" Tsuchio.

I threw the talismans with both hands. The talismans that extended on all sides flared up on the way and transformed into fire-bees who attack the demon on all directions. But that fellow didn't even try to defend, much less avoid it. When the fire-bees collided with the demon, a big explosion occurred on impact, covering my opponent. However, with such an attack, I don't even think that it will knock the demon down. So I pick up the next batch immediately.

"Bombs? Why are there those on this continent?" Demon

From among the explosive flames, a flawless demon comes out. The talismans that had already been thrown out landed under the feet of the demon. Earth

pillars that emerge from the bottom aimed at the demon's face. However, when the demon's side is hit, they break off. Just in case it could be described whether it was indurating magic, it seems to be totally ineffective.

I continue throwing talismans without taking a rest. Pillars and spears jump out at the demon, however, everything is crushed by him. In the meantime, many pillars jumble up around the demon but only are broken midway.

"Hey, hey! this isn't effective. If you don't come here... I will come to you!"

The demon kicks the ground and dashes out. Although he has a considerable speed, I can chase it with my eyes somehow. There is no winning chance when he gets close, therefore I have to leave at once!

I throw talismans to my feet and a pillar stretched out to the opposite direction of the demon. I move on the top to acquire some distance from the demon.

"You're tricklingly troublesome!"

The demon who accumulates power to pursue me, a pillar appears over its head. When I threw a talisman, a rather thin spear befalls the demon from the top.

"You're cheeky!"

The demon crosses his arms just like that and crashed through it. As for the spear falling from the top, it broke off on impact with the demon. Shit, it's not going so well!

Talisman is piled up to a wall that unfolds before me. It is firmly put especially in front of me.

The moment the demon collided with the wall, crackcrackcrack! It was crushed in a moment and arrived before me. Talismans are thrown out and scatter like roses, however, it's avoided with a sideway jump. The demon appeared for an instant in the place in which I used my skill....

In that instant, a strong pain runs through my side. I fell down rumblingly while taking some distance.

"Tch, I only grazed him..." Demon (TL note: the tch is the click with one's

tongue)

When I touched my left side, my skin was chipped off. It was quite painful a short while ago, it feels like I will faint anytime now. If only it finished with just this, or so I thought....

Now, I can't see. While deciding not to look in its face, all of my talismans are taken out. It ain't seen nothin' yet, however, my hand is still there.

"A good reaction isn't it. If my opponent doesn't escape neatly, the hunt won't be fun." Demon.

"Try to put yourself in my shoes, in the shoes of the hunted. If you want to kill, finish it immediately." Tsuchio.

"Then, will you not resist being killed?" Demon.

"No, I won't let myself be killed." Tsuchio.

Every earth pillar is broken or avoided. Let's change to a different talisman art.

Before the demon begins to move, I throw a new talisman. After it lands in front of the demon this time, a pillar dashes out.

"Don't you understand that it doesn't work!?" Demon

The demon moves sidewise quickly and tries to hit the earth pillar. However, the pillar bends shapelessly and avoids the demon's arm. Next, the tip of the pillar transforms into the head of a snake and bites the trunk of the demon.

"Tcch!"

The demon receives a fair amount of damage for the time being because the demon bleeds from the wound that it received, and apparently, a demon's blood is the same as humans, a crimson red. Even if that snake's head is crushed, it's useless, when the talisman which is the main body touches the ground safely, it can reproduce without limit.

Furthermore, let's increase the number. I throw additional talismans out to the ground and let eight snakes appear in total.

It is one usage of the talisman art where I let the ground rise and produce

pillars. So that the talisman can change its form to a snake and act autonomously, I need special talismans to use this talisman art and they are talismans which can be used readily... however, such a thing isn't mentioned. Even if I say that it can move on its own, complex actions can't be done.

The number of snakes which can be taken out lies by eight and by all means, it's hard to make such a rare and complicated image. It represented as the image of Yamata no Orochi. A negative image is put out perfectly, so it can't be helped. (TL note: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yamata_no_Orochi)

Eight rock snakes attack the demon. Surrounding it from all sides, they don't give it a gap to avoid them. The demon approaches and breaks the incoming snake. But the snakes which, I wrote for a long time, won't go down so easily.

Plural snakes appear out of the beaten snakes and bite the demon. Dogogogogo!!! They thrust their heads to the coil. As a result, it is said that snakes who thrust their heads to their bodies will make a slightly strange artwork. I was able to defeat the demon this time... easily. Though, I was able to make it thanks to the snakes. If it is impossible with this... then it would have already been hopeless. Everyone is still... shit, why are there so many beasts! Did the devil beasts escape here, because of the group magic the magicians used!?

“Gaaaa!!!”

The snake bodies erupt and scatter. The talisman is safely held, however, reproduction takes time.... The demon isn't unhurt because its body is full of bites. It isn't probably seen, but the interior of its body should also be damaged more or less.

“It was good, your snakes were quite good! There is still more right? Show it to me!”

The eyes of the demon shine glaringly and a smile of wild joy appears on its face. Is he a battle maniac...? I want him to stop.

“Hey, what happened? I'm coming you know!”

“I won't let you!”

I let the snake reproduce by force to restrict the demon. The movement of

the demon slightly stops. Yosh, that's it!

"Close, Rock wall!"

Under the demon's feet, the talismans which I threw as a sacrifice are scattered. In spite of the snakes having rushed wildly like that, they don't move at all. That's because movement preparations of the talisman art are done in that state. With my shout, a huge lump of rocks rise from the ground and confined the demon. To the snakes which can move, they coil around the rock that has confined the demon, while many talismans are stuck from the top.

I can do it for the moment, the largest confinement skill. I shut my enemy inside a huge rock and seal it with talismans. I had the snakes cooperate this time so that Ruu can destroy it, which still takes more than ten minutes.

Meanwhile, I want her to come somehow.... I may not need Ruu because the teachers will be enough. But there are many enemies and they still can't come as well as Ruu.... Shit, surely this time I'll die. In my remaining hand... I leave my trump card, to be honest, this is impossible. If he is good at close combat....

I have no hand free, I consumed a lot of magical power and the pain from the wound is severe, I won't stop bleeding. Do I run away? However, the demon will surely run after me. If I wait here and no help is coming to my aid, I'll go and help Ruu so we can both engage him at the same time. Fighting against these devil beasts is somewhat better. I quickly collect the snake talismans after taking an emergency measure....

At the time I tried to approach the snake's talismans while thinking so, a dong like sound can be heard from the rock lump which sealed the demon! I heard a rumbling sound... I think... no, it can't be broken so easily, but I should leave quickly. The snake talismans are the postponement. Since only this talisman stands out, it won't mean that I won't know where it is and I must collect them.

A Dong like sound has been heard again. It's the sound as if the rock is being hit on the inside. While the demon is still inside, let's leave this place quickly. I didn't take my eyes off the lump rock while I gradually edge back. I didn't know what happened after I started running and left sufficiently.

In a place approximately 10m away from the rock, black light leaks from the cracks of the rock and goes out. The talismans vibrate and suddenly explode! It

blazes up. The next moment, the rock lump explodes from the inside. The black light goes up in the sky and the demon came out with slow steps.

“Good grief, making such a durable thing idly. You have used a good magic” Demon.

“Shit... you really are a true monster” Tsuchio.

“Hey hey, that’s a cruel remark. Anyways, here I come!” Demon.

The demon dashes toward me. I make a several fold wall in a hurry, however, it easily was broken and my chest is struck hard.

“Hmm, your response is firm... it possibly had enough power to kill me”

“Gehaggohoggoho! Haahaa... dangerous”

I put some talismans in my chest... as a cushioning material.

I don’t know whether it broke my bones, but when a sore spot is seen, it’s quite apparent that some parts are injured.

In the favor that blew off now, I was able to get some distance. However, even if I run away, the demon will catch up at once, so I can’t run anymore. What would I do, I left my trump card open just in case.... I think that the demon will avoid it even if I just used it. I decided that I survive absolutely, so I can’t give up in such a place. However, if this fight continues, I’ll surely die.

“Ora, are you enjoying your free time there!?”

“Tch!”

Dammit, what was I doing thinking in the middle of a fight!?

Before I was aware, the demon approached me and already raised his leg to kick me. At this rate, it will go through my abdomen. My opponents aim can’t be averted, so I have to move...!

I believe in my intuition and fly to the right with all my might. I heard the sound that an arrow passed my ear and my left arm was dislocated. At the same time, I felt an acute pain, did his kick hit me...!?

“Ugguuuu...” Tsuchio.

“...No, you are really great. For avoiding my attack, you’re quite skilled. Well,

you can't beat me only with that." Demon.

"Uuu... it seems so. I know that much." Tsuchio.

"Fuu..." Demon.

My neck is gripped by the demon who heaves me by one hand. Shit, what should I do... If I used it at this distance, I'll get involved too. It's at a distance which the last resort can be broken off, it will probably be exposed as soon as I used it. I'll be killed before I can even use it. I don't know how long it has been, how long I can keep this up, and I don't know how much effort I can make. I don't want to bet my life on such an uncertain thing. Besides, my other hand wasn't broken yet. I have no choice but to do it, I'll get killed if I don't.

And we return back to the current situation.

Suddenly, my conscious awakens. My lungs where the respiratory tract was blocked up and demanded oxygen, I repeat breathing minutely. Was that just now the thing called revolving lantern? Surprisingly, only my recent memory....

"...Hey, just earlier you... were completely limp.... Don't tell me, you can't do anything more?"

"Haahaahaa..." (Breathing for oxygen)

"Tch, my interest cooled down. I had enough already. You can die now."

The demon tries to increase the power of his grip on my neck. I was somehow able to grasp his arm with my right hand.

I can still feel the pain but it's very dull, probably because I am fighting back. Though I can't move my left arm, I still move my legs. If I can only move away, even if it's only a meter away, I could use my trump card and the range wouldn't be a problem.

My trump card. I don't know if it will work, however, I have no choice but to use it. Ruu should be coming to my aid soon... till then, I have to endure the pain!

Chapter 49: Sudden emergence!

My trump card is actually my devil's hand. When I tortured those men before, I achieved and learned a new technique, when used, it concentrates magic in one spot of the body letting it explode from the inside. Since I was able to master such a technique, I think that it's suitable for me to call it as a trump.

Of course, it is the first time that I'm using it against a demon. Can a demon's body even tolerate the concentration of the magical power? No, even if it did work, will it have any effect at all? That fellow is a human-type demon right, does that mean that it has the same magic routes as a human and will it flow the same way? In the first place, can I operate the magical power of this demon with my devil's hand? These are the various problems that I encountered, now that you mention it, how will I survive this?

I caught the arm of the demon, I looked at it for a brief moment and stopped its movements. OK, I don't have the mind to hold back at him. Can I bet on this?

I manipulate his magic with my devil's hand and touched him at a place where it is easy to collect magical power to its maximum. Although you can collect magic in the head by gripping the arm, but it's inefficient and failure isn't an option, so I have to use it on his arm.

I immediately checked the flow of magical power of the demon.... Yosh, his limbs are a bit different, but it's similar to a human. I should be able to use it, I have to do it quickly.

"Hey, Hey! Can you stop squirming already? I want to look for someone stronger now. Don't make me waste too much time!" Demon.

"Here, it won't take more than 10 seconds!" Tsuchio.

"What are you talking about?!?!" Demon.

At a dash, I centralized all of his magic in the arm that lifted me up. Magic is collected at a speed that you can't comprehend and it opened a burden to his body. The arm of the demon swells for a moment and at that time the demon had separated himself from me in a hurry. The arm of the demon swelled to its

limit, then *BOOM!*. With a loud bang the arm bursts into a million pieces. Meat pieces of all sizes and blood were scattered in the vicinity.

“Gaaaaaaaaaa!!!”

Holding his left arm, the demon writhes while screaming in agony. It's more effective than I thought, so I'll add a point to the insurance.

Talismans are thrown to the ground and rock spears appeared. However, when the demon who crouched down takes a swing with his other arm a black flash of light lights up in front of me and destroyed every talisman. An explosion occurs, I tried to prevent the fragments of the explosion from hitting me.

“HAHAHAHAHA, it's painful! Finally, you have used your hidden move. It's been ten years since I lost my last arm!” Demon.

He says while shaking his left arm that was blown off. The demon stands up, he looks at his arm and a wild grin appeared on his face showing his enjoyment...!

Hey... hey this guy... is not weakening at all.

“Your magic has decreased and for a human, you're using a strange skill. Finally, you have some value for your head, looks like it would be worthwhile killing you.” Demon.

“...You... Haven't weakened at all. You seem to be doing fine after what I did.” Tsuchio.

“Even If though this is painful, this is nothing compared to my previous battles. Well, I enjoyed our fun so far, but now, the play ends here.” Demon.

A black sphere appears on his fingertip. Its dark color would seem that it has absorbed the darkness of nights. Even if this guy is still not serious, this magic would be enough to kill me.

Is he going to drop it!? Though the chances of me dodging that thing are relatively high but if he doesn't drop it...

That demon is merciless. He only lifts a single hand and numerous black hands grow out from the ground, constricting me. I can feel the pain from my broken left arm that's restricted, even the slightest movement would bring me

immeasurable pain. I need to bite into something.

“Indeed, you may have brought me to a point where my arm was blown off, therefore there is no more room for fooling around. Too bad, but I really need to kill you now” Demon.

The black ball glitters on his fingertips and a bright ray is fired at my direction. The light spread throughout my field of vision... It's useless, I can't think of a way to avoid it. The lack of my ability, the will to trust in Ruu and the others to come to my aid wasn't paid. I resigned and closed my eyes.

I fought till the very end, I even used my whole arsenal. Being defeated, being killed by that. Is this the reason why I have no fear of death? Is it because that I knew that it would end this way?

“Well if I were to say “I have no more regrets”, would it become a lie? I wanted to see Ruu and the others in their humanoid forms before I die. I wanted to be cared for by Ruu and the others... Ah, after all, I feel lonely when Ruu, Lime, and Rin are no longer with Me.” he cited in his thoughts as a gust of warm wind brushed his cheeks.

A fluffy, floating like feeling influences me. Although I thought that an angel came down from the heavens to pick me up... I'm being held up on my back and knees, am I being carried like a princess?

When I opened my eyes fearfully, a woman was looking at me. She had elegant red hair, with flame-like trails on the tips, as well as a pair of ruby-like horns attached to both sides of her head. With a slim nose and sharp eyes, one could only describe her as a natural beauty, capable of gaining everybody's attention. However, tears were about to fall from her eyes, indicating that she may cry at any moment.

Apparently, while holding me in her arms, we seem to be soaring in the air because I can see her wings flapping on her back and descends straight to the ground and leaned me against a rock. She touched my left arm and frowned unintentionally.

Sitting next to me, I was able to see her full figure. Wearing a red scaled breastplate with a bleached colored shirt under it, and a red-and-white frill skirt below. Her legs that were exposed from there on... were like dragon legs.

Half of her thighs area is full of scales which shine brilliantly red. Her feet are definitely that of a dragon and the splinters which appeared from her sharp nails and ankles are brutal. With the feeling that her arms also looks so, everything below her elbows was full of dragon scales. The other half of her thighs is similar to a human's skin and the area between those two skins is absolutely dazzling.

Half of her thigh area are covered in crimson scales which shined brilliantly while the other half is similar to a human's skin, though her feet are definitely in the shape of a dragon, the area between the two skins absolutely dazzling. Brutal splinters appeared from her sharp nails and ankles, with the feeling that her arms also had those splinters.

She is probably a demon other than that other fellow. As for this red female dragon helping me, I can only think of one person.

“...Ruu, is that you?” Tsuchio.

“Tsuchio...” Ruu.

“Your appearance, it changed... that reminds me, what happened to that demon?” Tsuchio.

“He was blown away with my punch, besides, I think that he comes back immediately.” Ruu.

“I see. Thank you very much, Ruu.” Tsuchio.

“Th, That's.... No one does hurt my Tsuchio, my, my...” Ruu.

Did she endure it all the time, because tears run down from her eyes?

“Although I'm your familiar, letting my master fight so much and being injured so much... I couldn't defend Tsuchio, so I have no meaning to be beside you...!” Ruu.

“Ah, calm down Ruu. Look at me.” Tsuchio.

I patted Ruu's head with my right hand. Her bright red eyes look at me.

“If Ruu wasn't here, I would have been dead by now, this whole time, while I was fighting, I waited for help to come and when Ruu finally came and saved me from the brink of death, I can't help but say thank you, so don't say that

you're insignificant." Tsuchio.

"Tsuchinoko..." Ruu.

My figure was going to overlap with Ruu when the demon suddenly fell down from the sky. It was Ruu who looked at me wistfully, but still, she couldn't ignore the demon.

"Tsuchio, wait here for me, I'll defeat him and return immediately." Ruu.

"...Don't force yourself." Tsuchio.

"I understand, I'm going." Ruu.

She responded and Ruu flew off towards the demon. She said that I should wait here but, how could I? Because I couldn't use it until now, shall I use my trump card again and defeat the demon together with Ruu.... For now, I should prepare the talisman.

<Ruu's viewpoint>

When I come in front of the demon, he has a smile full of wild joy and thus the story continues.

"Is that fellow your friend!? That explains why he's so strong. I just got tired of that fellow, so please me!" Demon.

...To such a fellow, Tsuchio was injured? Did Tsuchio fight against such a guy alone?

"...My friend?" Ruu.

"Is that fellow, your slave? Bringing up a slave here, you are very curious!" Demon.

Tsuchio being my slave? ...Ah, this might also be good. He shouldn't have said it. Saying such a thing and feeling disregard, I am not gentle. It's only when I'm with Tsuchio that I become gentle.

I felt hatred as I boil with anger, one of the reason is because of me and the other is because of this demon. I felt anger for Tsuchio having been injured by such a pervert and anger to myself, I left Tsuchio to fight against such a pervert. The both of them flared up intensely and her opponent also raised in mutual

heat.

“Hey, what happened!? Fine then, I’ll come to you!” Demon.

“...Aa, okay, so you are coming” Ruu.

When I sent magical power to both of my arms, the scales on my wrist burns and fired a pure white light. I hold my legs which seem to protrude at any moment by force and still saved my power.

“Hey, here I come!” Demon.

The demon strikes at me. Tsuchio risked his life to smash his left arm, so he can only attack with his right hand. His attack that merely had power isn’t worth a threat. I used my left hand and swing my fist at the demon. But he has expected that and started a kick. I avoided it by moving aside and blown off the demon with my tail.

“Tch, as I expected! How about this!” Demon.

The great damage did not seem to be given and he only shakes his arm to throw out black flashes. Considering the speed of the magic and the penetration rate in a hurry it seems to be powerful. I also swing my arm and destroy his black flashes with my heat wave. Towards the surprised demon, I dashed out this time.

Cutting down the distance in an instant, I visit a knee kick with force. Though this is prevented by the leg, it has been expected. I do a complete turn and make a landing behind my opponent, the left fist is drummed into the back which pays a leg and falls. The demon who blows off again seems to have worked a little, and a back is held by hand.

“...You really are great. Even though you’re alone, it’s the first time that I have been cornered this much.” Demon.

“It’s the first and the last for you, I’m going to have you die here” Ruu.

“Haa, I don’t think so. In the first place, I wanted to fight against you!” Demon.

When declaring so, the demon fired a lot of black bullets at me while retreating at a stretch.

“Shit, I missed!” Demon.

Putting both hands together I turned my palms to the demon. Raising my magical power, I released it at a stretch.

I shot heat rays, which destroys the black bullets. It hits the demon while scooping out the ground before a great explosion was caused. To the point where the explosion fog filled densely and was cleared, the demon who has finished catching my heat ray stood up and his right arm was burned completely.

“Haahaa.... Shit, this attack to think that it had a lot of firepower.... Your magical power wasn’t used up” Demon.

Although he says so, the demon erased his barrier. Stepping forward firmly, I couldn’t believe that there is someone who can withstand my breath. My remaining magic isn’t little, that’s why cannot let that fellow go. When I am wondering whether to pursue him, the rocks under his feet coiled around his legs.

“Tss!?” Demon.

The rocks change into snakes and coil themselves around the demon one after another. His right arm was disempowered by my breath, so the demon can’t do anything against the restriction.

“Nice job Ruu! Thanks to you, I was able to get this ready!” Tsuchio.

Suddenly Tsuchio called out to me from behind. Is that Tsuchio’s talismans art? However, what is going on, I could have finished that demon myself...?

“I was preparing this all the time because I couldn’t use this talisman art so far. Take it carefully!”

A strong surge of magical power emits from the sky. 4 talismans circle around another talisman, which is circulating at a high speed giving it a bright shine. Below it, a pentagram star has emerged, marking the strategic point. Right above the center of the star, the surrounded talismans are enshrined.

“Devil Star-ninjutsu, fall!”

The talismans shine brightly and stronger than before, leaving a trail after it

shot out. It accelerated at a stretch when it passes through the center of the pentagram star and hits the demon underneath at lightning speed.

Dogooon! An earthquake-like shock appeared before a dust cloud arises. When the smoke cleared up, the demon was cut in half by Tsuchio's attack.

"...Shit.... I hadn't heard anything like this..." Demon.

This became the last words of the demon. The demon turned into black fog and dispersed. In his place, only a crater was left.

I, who was senile for a while heard a bump sound. Tsuchio fell down to the ground. I rushed up to him and confirmed his pulse... 'Thank god, he is still alive.' Did he fall down because of the overuse of his magical power?

"Uuu, I feel bad..." Tsuchio.

"Can you get up?" Ruu.

"Hmm, the pain is unbearable, I can't even faint... Aah, my side and left arm hurts really bad..." Tsuchio.

I lifted him up just like a while ago and as for the war... the end seems to be already included, let the people who move can do the rest. How are Lime and Rin doing, even when Tsuchio was about to die, they were nowhere to be seen....

"Ah, Ruu, let me collect my talismans before we return, those with the destroyed snakes" Tsuchio.

"Aren't they consumable?" Ruu.

"They are special because I used a very high-quality material. Not everything is destroyed..." Tsuchio.

The injuries of Tsuchio are severe but don't seem to be life-threatening... I never want to see such eyes from Tsuchio.

Chapter 50: After the fierce battle

After the battle ended, I was carried by Ruu to the first-aid station. A big tent was pitched near the headquarters, almost filling it with injured people who are laid on the ground. The healers cure the heavily injured and leave alone the sheet covered ones. 'Are those.... corpses... they sure did a number on us.'

"Excuse me, he needs treatment..." Ruu

"Is he in critical condition!?" Healer

"N, No, his life isn't in danger..." Ruu

"In that case put him down, around there. People who are near and facing death's door needs to be treated first!" Healer

The healers are too busy moving around hastily, healing the sick and injured, so they didn't pay much attention to Ruu's request. The pain becomes gradually severe, but I'll manage... somehow.

"Ruu, while I wait here to be treated. Please, look for Rin and Lime." Tsuchio

"Bu, But..." Ruu

"You can't help me, without any experience in healing, so you will only be a burden here. The bleeding already stopped, even if I'm left alone for a while, I won't die" Tsuchio

"Uh... I'm sorry, Tsuchio" Ruu

"It is fine, please do what you can do. Okay?" Tsuchio. "Understood? When you reunite with Rin follow the instructions given to you by the teachers or the principal. As for me, it looks like I won't be able to move for few or several hours"

As Ruu left the first-aid station, I couldn't keep my eyes from closing. This exhaustion is taking away my energy to stay awake... so I decided to take a rest. My consciousness slowly but surely sank into the darkness. 'Someone is bound to wake me up when it's my turn for treatment.'

"...You? Are you alright!?" Healer

“He? ...ah, I’m okay” Tsuchio

Someone cried out in my ear with a loud voice and I jumped out of bed in a hurry. With a frightful angry look, a healer called out to me.

“Thank goodness... I thought that you suddenly died.” Healer

“Ah, yes. I am sorry for worrying you, I became sleepy because of exhaustion...” Tsuchio

“It’s better to sleep while you can... your arm and side have been injured, so I will treat it now.” Healer

When the healer mutters these words bleating, the tip of his cane shines white vaguely. The pain on my arm slowly disappears. After a few minutes, the healer stopped his healing. ‘Eh, is it already over?’

“For now, I gave you a first aid treatment, since it isn’t perfectly connected yet, please take your time and rest, it will heal. Now I’ll continue with the treatment.”

The healer fixes my arm by a hand projection bandage that is well experienced. And my side had been recovered to the epidermis.

“Huu...You’ll be all right with this” Healer

“Thank you very much. Uh, how long has passed since the battle ended?” Tsuchio

“About two hours have passed since then” Healer

He replied and went to treat his next patient. For now, let’s look for Ruu and since I told her to listen to the teachers and principal, I’ll go and check there first.

When I exited the tent, dark smoke arises from all directions and the unpleasant smell of burnt meat drifts in the air. First, I’ll go to the tent which was assigned to the academy.

Many students looked and sat down in front of the academy tent, there is not a single student who isn’t hurt. The reason why they won’t enter the tent is because students and teachers who bore serious injuries are laid there. Unfortunately, death couldn’t be avoided, those who can still move were

ordered to collect the corpses.

Some of the teachers are talking with the knights, I slightly hear them discussing future correspondence. Do they still intend to let the academy students fight? No matter how much you look at it, that's cruel..... Well, since I can't hear them properly, I'll just ignore it for now. My first priority is to look for Ruu.

While walking around I manage to recognize a similar magic relating to one of them hoping that it was Ruu's whereabouts, I run to that location. Like everybody else, she was helping the others collect the corpses of our fallen comrades. Now that Ruu became human, I'm having a hard time looking for her.

'Hmm.... oh, there she is. Good, Lime and Rin are with her... I guess only Ruu became a human-type, though the two of them seem to have evolved... I wonder what's different...'

"Hey, everybody—"

"Ah, Tsuchi..."

"Burururu!"

"...!" Purupuru!

Lime sticks to my leg and Rin thrust herself into my belly. Hey, what happened with these two!? Were they so lonely that they cried....?

"Oh, you two calm down... It hurts, it really hurts..."

I let out a small groan and then in a flash, the two instantly get away from me. 'They didn't have to exaggerate it a bit'

"What is with you? Tsuchio is hurt, so you shouldn't hug him as if you want to crush a brick!" Ruu

"Buruu..."

"..." Purupuru...

Both fall silent and began to share their side of the story. Rin made use of her mobility and went to protect the halfback, however, she was circled around by

the devil beasts and didn't have any spare energy to return. She seemed to have been too excited at that time, surprisingly, it was typical of Rin. On the other hand, Lime advanced, to the area around the center. She seemed to be surrounded by a large number of devil beasts, she did everything that she could to protect her body. Her efforts would have been in vain if she died, so there was no helping it if she couldn't come to my aid.

Lime's body, arms, and head are silver, however, the color of her feet was dyed in purple. Although she became very beautiful, the hint of that color indicates that it was poisonous. Rin hasn't changed. The lightning pattern on her legs thickens and her body didn't expand. Her horn is longer and brilliant like a crystal.

'Uh... I think that Rin is fixed by this directionality because her figure is the only thing that changed aside from that the amount of magic that she has fairly increased but it's difficult to understand just by her appearance.'

"Nevertheless... why did only Ruu became a human? Is the content of dragon's divine protection different?" Tsuchio

"Emm... Rin was restricted to using only magic, Lime can only fight one enemy, while I can defeat many enemies." Ruu

"Yes, I see. Because she normally has to keep the magic in the prolonged war, she doesn't use bold moves often." Tsuchio

"Buru..."

"Lime too, she can't kill anyone while she's hiding." Tsuchio

"Koku..."

That reminds me, our training and fights are mainly based on Ruu's strength, by all means, Ruu is the center of our foundation... Ah, it's the principal. She is walking with the teachers, is she on her way back from the meeting?

"Tsuchio-boya! Are you okay!?" Principal

"I'm doing fine now... Well, I got off with an injury which has something to do with a demon, but other than that, I can manage from here." Tsuchio

"Yes, I heard them talking about it from your familiar. Hush, your dragon

really became a human-type... I was surprised." Principal

"It is impossible to return without any contribution, so we needed to fight. In the end, what happened to the demon?" Tsuchio

'Although I heard from our retreat, I don't know about the details. Is the fortress still occupied?'

"First of all, we were able to repel most of the guys who were in our kingdom. However, they mainly came back to the north and occupied the fortress shutting themselves in." Principal

"Is that so... well, the loss was to be expected." Tsuchio

"Natural. The real thing will start from here." Principal

We have to reclaim the fortress as quickly as we can before their reinforcement arrives. The more time we waste, chances of us reclaiming back the fort would be lowered.

"As for the academy, what will we do from now on? Are we going to retreat?" Tsuchio.

"Yes, we have done enough. No matter how much you look at it, we won't be able to fight any longer. Besides... the reinforcements from the empire, elf territory, and cave country have come to help." Principal.

...Sooo late.

"Why, now!? Couldn't they have come earlier?" Tsuchio

"Well, these three countries were against the hero summoning.... and as expected it will become severe for these three countries if the fortress won't be retrieved." Principal

Oh, these three countries didn't agree and were against the heroes being summoned, only the kingdom is strange.

"To a humble guy, it would be stupid to entrust him with the fate of the country. Even if the country is in crisis, no matter how much for it to go under, there is the opinion of kidnapping someone from a different world." Principal

"...That's right! Uh, it's a normal reaction!" Tsuchio

“Wh, what’s wrong suddenly...” Principal

“No, other countries were good with normalcy. If I graduate, would you like me to go to the empire.” Tsuchio

“Well if it’s a world’s existence crisis then, it needn’t be said but...” Principal

The kingdom has been a human country for a long time. To oppose a surrounding country, we have no solution for dealing with them as of now, and I cannot say that it’s right also.

“Thereupon, how much reinforcements came?” Tsuchio

“From the three countries, each one sends a knight’s order. It’s full of the best from everywhere.” Principal

“Why couldn’t they have come earlier!? They could have even reduced the number of casualties and deaths!” Tsuchio

“Even if you ask me that... then do you want to ask them together? It seems that they’ll arrive soon and I also want to ask the reason.” Principal

“...Ah, no. Either way, what’s done cannot be changed. I don’t want to hear it anymore, so I will have to decline.” Tsuchio

Risking danger...no longer, I don’t want to poke my head inside the war. Being involve any further would be dangerous, so it’s good luck to withdraw here.

“By the way, for the remaining military power of the kingdom?” Tsuchio.

“There are many injured people in the knight’s order but they are cured by the healers, so they can participate in the war immediately. The adventurer and mercenaries’ corps have a lot of casualties, so we scrape up the guys who just stayed and the guys who just arrived and reorganize them. Like I said before the academy students will withdraw and consulted by the teachers. The academy can’t be left alone for too long, so I want to return quickly...” Principal

“Are these the decisions from the top....? Well, I have already decided to withdraw, so I get ready for the return.” Tsuchio

“Please inform other students, too. I will inform the seriously wounded people later” Principal.

"Understood." Tsuchio

Now, shall we return to the headquarters for now? I can't really fight properly without my left arm. Although I'll be sorry for leaving, the reinforcements just arrived too, and the academy may withdraw.

While doing preparations of returning at the headquarters, reinforcements have arrived. Three men enter the tent where the principal, the heroes and the knight commander are. One of them is a muscular tiger wearing gray armour, the second one is a macho dwarf who only wears armor at his upper body and is bare on his lower body and the last one is a male elf with silky thread blond hair. Although he is a considerable handsome man, he is inferior to Lucas. Together with his tight figure, you can easily judge this person as a man in a single glance. Perhaps they are the respective knight's leaders. It is said that they are the elite, but their personalities were different....

The respective knight's order are an organization using the feature of their race.

The knight's order of the empire is mostly composed of Werebeasts who makes use of their mobility and light equipment, although there are a few magicians, most of them prefer using short bows.

The knight's order of the cave country has their small soldiers wear solid metal armour. They have no magicians, so how do they heal themselves.... The armour enshrined to the horse's side probably belongs to their knight leader.

All of the knights from the knight's order of the elf territory have short canes and seem to be vanguards, therefore you can assume they mainly use magic for battle, depending on the situation, they may have to resort to longbows and normal bows. And all of them are good-looking. Explode when this war ends.

'Oh dear, this feeling.' They are entirely different from the knight's order of the kingdom because a lot of them are specialized in a single point. Humans can attack widely, therefore they are considered as a jack-of-all-trades.

Dozens of minutes passed after the knight leaders entered, the principal who paves it tentatively approach us, students after the talk was settled. Now, what happened?

“I will now explain our movement. First of all, for all of the students, this task ends. As soon as your baggages are gathered, you shall return to the academy. The heavily injured shall be carried off to the kingdom’s capital, they shall take a different carriage and will be treated there.” Principal

Sighs of relief leak out from the students. As expected, it was too hard for them. Naturally, I am included in the students...or not?

“The teachers and I will participate in the fortress recapture operation. The teachers who are injured have been tasked to protect the students and to send them off safely back to the academy.” Principal

The teachers who were cured by healing magic are applied to be the student’s guard. No matter how much you look at it, guarding the students is a dangerous task, it’s not to be taken lightly.

“That’s it, you are dismissed. Ah, Tsuchio-boya please stay for a moment.” Principal

And here it comes... To raise my hopes like that and crushing it, this person. I really thought that I can return now! As for the fortress recapture operation, I don’t have any obligation to join!

“I won’t participate in the strategy meeting!” Tsuchio

“Yes, this time there is no business with Tsuchio-boya. It’s for that young lady.” Principal

“...Me?” Ruu

The principal who is seen by everyone seems uncomfortable and pointed to Ruu.

“...What are you trying to do?” Tsuchio

“She was able to repel a demon and there hasn’t been a change in this numerical inferiority. If we’re going to capture that fortress from the front, it would take months. Therefore this time’s strategy is that most of our army would challenge the fortress from the front and make the devil beasts come near. Taking advantage of it, the elite invades into the fortress which became undermanned so that we can open the gate or destroy they’re headquartered

from the inside. That's why a lot of the elites are necessary even if they are few" Principal

"Because of that, you want to borrow Ruu from me?" Tsuchio

"If Tsuchio-boya also participates then that would be fine, however, you don't seem to be too enthusiastic about it. If that's the case at least, please lend us your human-type familiar" Principal

"Did the principal think about it?" Tsuchio

"That's impossible, I'd like to say this and it isn't the reason for what is being talked about. A knight will inform the top about that young lady. Tsuchio-boya it does not matter like I said we only want your familiar to participate" Principal

"Are you going to touch my familiar all over?" Tsuchio

"Such a thing, we don't have that composure. First, let's get the fortress back." Principal

"I decline... if possible, I would like to forget about this conversation." Tsuchio

"...That's bad. Normally though from this standpoint I should stop but... really, if it comes to authority here things will be bad."

Ruu grasps my hand and her hand trembled lightly. Anyway, the kingdom will regard Ruu only as a weapon. It's the same as the heroes. No, she will be treated lesser than them. I can't leave Ruu in such a place.

"...Let this left arm recover completely."

"Understood...after I settled down, I will definitely repay the kindness."

"I will wait without expecting anything."

The teachers and the principal left and only we were left in this place. Haa, in which conversion do you seem to stick with each other until the end.... My schedule keeps being out of order since I met the heroes.

"Tsuchio." Ruu

"Hmm? Ohh." Tsuchio

Ruu embraces me, while Lime and Rin stick right and left to us.

“I’m sorry, because of me.... But thank you.” Ruu

“Don’t mind it, if it’s for Ruu then I would go anywhere.” Tsuchio

“Un. Me too, if it’s for Tsuchio, I shall beat any kind of enemy.” Ruu

We just snuggled up for a while.

Chapter 51: Meeting with the 4 knight leaders and a little uneasiness

In the early afternoon, the injured students and teachers went to the capital. The reinforcement of knights and adventurers arrived and took their positions. Our numbers increased due to the number of people joining, overtaking the number of deaths and leaves from the group.

Since Ruu became a human, the surrounding eyes have changed too. Most people became senile and dropped their eyebrows when they saw her figure, arms, legs and tail. Although Ruu has a slightly sharp expression in front of another person, she still is a considerable beauty. I like Ruu when she behaves lackadaisically. Her clothes are formed by her magical power and have the same properties like it's her own skin. Even if she cuts her magical power, it doesn't disappear and it keeps it clean so it's unnecessary to wash them because she can change the shape freely, and I heard that she can make her own clothes once she sees it. Having sewing as a hobby is an unbearable ability. Sometimes she removes her breastplate just to wear a tie, she matches it with a red-and-white striped pattern clothes which are like a uniform from somewhere. There isn't a lot of exposure, so I can be relieved.

Evening has arrived. I was called to the principal's office even though I don't know why. Everything is temporary, but Ruu is chosen as one of the corps that will invade the fortress from the back together with me, that's why the knight leaders from the elf territory, the empire, and the cave country wants to see us.

'Uh, it's troublesome'. Even if it is troublesome, it would be awkward if I decline it here even if I want to return. In the end, since it's only a meeting with each other which the principal mentioned, and I thought that this would happen eventually. Even if I don't want to attend, I can't let Ruu go alone, and just in case, I'll bring my mask with me because the heroes will attend the meeting as well.

That's why I am currently standing right in front of the tent in which the knight leaders are with the principal. Lime and Rin are caretakers because they

still can't enter the tent.

"You know what, you earnestly don't need to use proper manners because they're never too particular about courtesy, it isn't necessary to sit up straight..." Principal

"Appropriately, Ruu doesn't have to speak basically. Only when the other party requests it, she will speak." Tsuchio

"I understood. Are you fine with speaking politely?" Principal

"I do not have any problem with it. Then, let's go." Tsuchio

I enter the tent after the principal. There I see a big desk and several people are sitting down around it. These people are the heroes, the knight leaders and...

"...Hmm? Tsuchi" Kisato

"Oh, isn't that Kisato-san! When did you come here??" Tsuchio

I forestall it and Kisato's dialog is interrupted by my voice. I don't know when he came, but I asked him with lipreading so that the heroes can't see it. Although I don't know whether Kisato-san can use lipreading, my intention will be transmitted for now. Kisato closed his mouth as soon as he understood my state. Though he probably guessed it, he is still a knight leader and understands other people.

"At first let's postpone the talk and introduce the new members in this meeting" Kisato

"Okay" Regitto

I sit down on a free seat. The knight leader of the empire is the first who has opened his mouth. He is a tiger werebeast because his head and ears have a yellow-black striped pattern. He is wearing an armor and his huge axe laid is on the side.

"Then I'll make a short introduction. I am the empire's knight leader, Regitto."

"I am the fairy territory's first knight leader, Jamir. My best regards."

"I'm the cave country's first blacksmith chief, Muushida."

Blacksmith chief...is it a concurrent post?

“It’s been a long time, granny. How many years has it been since we last meet I wonder?” Regitto

“Six years ago, it was the time I came near the empire. At that time you were still the vice-leader. Also Jamir and Muushida it is has been so long.” Principal

“Yes, that’s true. I was surprised to hear that you are in the kingdom.” Jamir

“Really, with your skill, you can even go to the Fairy territory don’t you?” Muushida

“It is necessary to contribute to your home country, a little. Well, I devote myself to developing upbringings now.” Principal

“Good grief, you could do that in the empire too right. I don’t like that kingdom in any way, leaving the affair to such a greenhorn is insane you know.” Regitto

Glaringly Regitto-dono stares at the heroes. The story of the principal was true.

“No no, Regitto-dono. The heroes are contributing a lot to the kingdom and the heroes also seem to have crushed the enemy’s leader in the previous battle.” Principal

“The magicians made a plan first. Naturally, it is possible. Uuga, even if there weren’t heroes, it wouldn’t be a problem right?” Regitto

“They are quite severe. Well, if the kingdom’s capital is conquered, the kingdom will throw them away. To the extent its surplus, it’ll be good exactly.” Jamir

“I don’t like the method of the kingdom so much, either. Even if you rely on the hero summoning, after they reach their limit, it is necessary to do it.” Muushida

“The higher ups were suspicious, so I taught them the spirit operation of summoning magic beforehand.” Principal

Criticisms to the kingdom coming out in sequence. ‘Umm, they’re disliked. I mean, she is acquaintance with the knight leaders, so who is the principal

really?’

“Let’s avoid it for the time being. I haven’t finished the introduction yet.”
Principal

“After we assume that the hero party is good, is that devil beast behind
granny the main thing?” Regitto

“I’m Mikado and I’m honored to be able to meet you. She’s my familiars and a
dragon.” Tsuchio

I bowed after I introduced myself easily. Even if I humble myself too much, it
might be counterproductive.

“This fellow is still a second-year student and I unreasonably asked him to
stay here.” Principal

“He is still a student? That is a misfortune. Huh, this is the first time I see a
dragon type demon...” Regitto

“It is so, though I have seen a different demon.” Jamir

“I have only seen a devil type demon.” Muushida

‘Are dragons really so rare...certainly, I think that Mr. Hellfire doesn’t go
outside so often?’

“Mikado-san participated in the last battle, so what kinds of devil beast did
you kill?” Regitto

“Emm...it was quite a huge number and don’t know the kinds. Oh, but I was
attacked by a demon and was able to defeat it together with my familiar.”
Tsuchio

“Hee...What kind of demon was it?” Jamir

“It was a demon with goat-like legs and twisted horns. Although it was quite
dangerous, I was able to defeat it somehow.” Tsuchio

“It probably was a devil type demon. You’re lucky, that your familiar evolved if
not you would be dead now.” Muushida

...Just like that, I answered. Wow, it really was a hair’s breadth victory....

“Oh, if you can fight, you won’t have problems with the number. The

introduction also has ended, so let's shift to the explanation of the strategy quickly. Hey, bring the drawing of the fortress." Kisato

On the desk, a blueprint is opened, looking at it closely it's the fortress'.... 'Uuh, it's no good, even if I see only this. Huge walls, I can somewhat understand it, though...'

"For now, I will explain it roughly. The force that invades the back is made of the chosen people from the different knight order, the heroes, and this tamer." Kisato

"Eh, isn't the front, a distraction unit? I think we will attract attention when there is a demon." Seiya

"The front is a feint until the end. The important point of this strategy is to open the gates of the fortress as quickly as possible from the inside. Wanting to crush the leader if possible....when that is possible, within calling the shank." Kisato

"As said, we have to control the inside of the fortress quickly. As long as the gate is opened, we would have the chance."

'Uh-huh'. Well, there is no denying that Ruu will be participating with the invasion corps, and it was certain that I would follow her. I will be fine if I keep fighting low-level opponents without limit, but if I encounter any high-level ones, I would be powerless so it's better if I entrust that matter to the leaders or the heroes.

"Although the invasion method is a problem... granny is there a hidden passage somewhere?" Regitto

"Because the royal family didn't live in it, there probably won't be such a thing. When the fortress was occupied, the enemy would have used it."

Well, I see. Our plan now is to attack the front with a feint and invade from the back. However how about climbing the big wall...

"Hmm, how large is it?"

Seiya asked it. Because I don't know the reduced scale, I can't say anything.

"If I am not mistaken, was it around 10m?" Principal

“It is 10m...Saiko, are you able to take us all with your teleportation?” Tsuchio

“When I consider the late battle, I want to avoid it if possible.... Even if we say gathering the best people, it will be a moderate number of people” Saiko

Hmm, 10m...well, I wonder if she is able to manage it somehow.

“In that case, I can do something, since we’re on a time limit we need to hurry and be silent so that we won’t be spotted easily.”

“Are you serious? Can we really go?”

“Yes probably, but I haven’t used it often.”

“What about your magical power?”

“There is no problem.”

“Can you carry multiple people at the same time?”

“Yes. Well, though it, too whether the movement becomes one’s foot.”

“Such thing is not the problem. Then try entrusting it to mikado!”

Whether If I can change and influence the battle, even a little, and since Ruu is also here, there won’t be a problem.

“Then, do we cut down a save strategy? How does Mikado-san want to do it?”

“No, even if I’m here, I wouldn’t be able to do a great thing, so ask the principal later. I will go and help the gathering of the monster corpses.” Tsuchio

I replied and left with Ruu. By the way, we will participate in collecting corpses according to my declaration.

The human corpses are already collected and cremated. With a burial, they may transform into zombies or skeletons, so humans are cremated basically. The devil beasts are still lying around, so I’m going to gather them to tear off their materials.

The corpses of the devil beasts lay in many places in this battlefield. Adventurers brought a big cloth with them and throw it over the corpses. I don’t know when I go to the fortress, but I will surely leave immediately. So I don’t have much time to get them and tear of their material.

"Uuh..."

Meanwhile, in front of the devil beasts that we piled up, I groan. By any means, there are times when it becomes a matter of concern....

"What happened, Tsuchio? Does your injury still hurt?" Ruu

"Ah, it isn't such a reason...look at what they caught a little."

Ruu touched by arm and stomach to pat it, seeing the devil beasts on Rin's back, they were all goblins. After putting my hands together and apologizing, I remove the goblins from her back and lowered them to the ground. Even if it is a devil beast, a life is a life and there is no nobility and commonalty between them. I, who participated in the war and saw several lives taken, it made me think once more. To thank the guys who weren't prayed for and can't rest in peace, I will absolutely pay for it and try to pray this way. After I came to this world, I still appreciate for every delicious meal that I worked for.

The goblins wore leather breastplates and clothes which are poor but seems to be strong. Knife holders are strapped on their waists since these are the sheaths, it might still have the knife with it.

"What, they aren't ordinary goblins?" Ruu

"At first glance, hey Ruu. The goblins who we have seen before, what kind of equipment had they?" Tsuchio

"Eh, they had clubs whined with a dirty cloth on their waist. Oh, but these goblins have proper equipment..." Ruu

"Yes, that's right. It is not only goblins because there are also kobolds, orcs, harpies and other monsters here. Everyone is wearing equipment without fail. That's strange? That a devil beast does something like that" Tsuchio

"Did a demon let them attach it? Hey, tamers seems to do such things" Ruu

Although I am the type that values individual quality, there are tamers who prefer quantity of numbers and there seem to be a lot of people like that. Though such people tend to have several weak monsters which are tamed to fight with a physical superiority, but on this occasion, they let the goblins wear armor... 'did that demon make them wear that?' No, it might be different.

"The equipment are almost the same with everyone. Though all devil beasts are different in size." Tsuchio

"... It's true. Did they buy ready-made goods in bulk?" Tsuchio

"Or...did these belong to the same organization?" Tsuchio

"Eh?" Ruu

"On the goblin's chest, arms and legs, something like a mark are on them. Probably it is a crest from somewhere or something." Tsuchio

Seeing a number of devil beasts here, no matter how I look at it, one tamer is impossible. An organization with multiple tamers, did they send them? No, if it's so there is no need in capturing the fortress. They would directly attack the capital. There are plenty of other entrances so they can't send reinforcement. Aren't there any other possibilities? ...There is one. I can't say that there is not one, but the possibility of deserving consideration. I mean why didn't I find it odd so far. Since they came from another continent, a method of going across the sea might be sure to have been established. In a case of the distance that can extend by swimming, it is sure to invade ahead more. Uuh, but...well, this hypothesis still didn't leave the guessing area. Even though, no matter how much I worry about it, I can't be solved. I will put it in the corner of my head.

"What is this crest?" Ruu

"I can't judge it for the moment. For the time being, let's concentrate on the front." Tsuchio

"Okay. Then let's go together!" Ruu

"Yes yes." Tsuchio

We move the bodies of the goblins to our piled up mountain, I went to look for corpses with Ruu. If my hypothesis is correct... the enemy that we consider as devil beasts may not be devil beasts anymore.

Chapter 52: The Fortress Recapturing Operation Begins

On the next day, the summary of the strategy was presented to every member. The operation was split inside by gathering the elites. Since most of them participated in the feint and in need to know how they need to move, they were divided in small groups. Well, it doesn't matter because we belong to the invasion corp.

Travelling to the north fortress, you need around a week from this battlefield if you are quick. Our number is large, so it may take a little more. We finished breakfast quickly, and folded the tents immediately and left. We mustn't give the demons too much time.

With horses, we need nine days. We marched at a considerable speed and before the noon of this day, we arrived at the north mountainous area where the fortress is on the brink.

Along the north side border of the kingdom, a mountain range with big mountains was formed. So that we don't pass through two borders or go along the wall installed in the big valley, we dared to cross the mountain. The big valley was a place where carriages and large devil beasts can pass through, and the fortress was basically built there to constantly guard the border. Naturally, when criminals who stole money tried to pass, they are captured, so there are innumerable people who go over the mountain....

The mountain range along the border was very steep and it was said that you will die there when devil beasts appear. It was indeed a natural stronghold and it may have those effects of being able to build a big country there.

Seeing this fortress for the first time, you can see its huge wall rising over the valley. If it's seen from the top, the center seemed to be an ellipse that rises to the front. Capturing this...the demons have skills.

After many holes and passages are made in the wall, they shot arrows and magic from the top, and splashed rocks and heated oil down. Will the people of

the feint corps be okay? The operation was to open the gate till the end, therefore it would be a problem in the future if they remain inside.

According to the scouts, devil beasts were guarding on the wall. There seemed to be an approximate number, but there seemed to be no sign that reinforcements came. Let's attack quickly.

The result of the knight leader's meeting was that we decided to attack the fortress tomorrow morning when it is still dark. Because there were monsters who have night vision and can see perfectly at night, a night assault isn't good. Also, it becomes difficult this time when we invade, the day has risen completely, so we aimed for the time a little before sunrise. Well, the only ones who are doing it is us. Before it is too late, lets heal our tiredness of the long march.

"Nnuu...feeling goood there." Ruu

"Ruu keep still and don't get absorbed so much. I need to concentrate as much as possible." Tsuchio

By the way, I'm massaging Ruu's back now. She moved her wings every time I touched her back, which was really stiff. With my devils hands and caressing skills, every person can change quickly into a first-class masseur! No, practice is also necessary. To induce your magic well, a few experiences are necessary.

"Hahuu..." Ruu

Ruu left her body in my care and became really loose. She will be completely relaxed for tomorrow's strategy. Inside my tent, she fell asleep after stretching out all her limbs. Being too tense isn't good, but relaxing too much is also not good. A moderate balance is important.

"...hei..." Tsuchio

"Uhhyaal?" Ruu

When I poked the point where her magical power was concentrated, Ruu jumped up and stared at me with a blush. It is like Qigong. It is more sensitive than other places and when a strong place is touched by a pinpoint, you particularly feel a shiver. Her ear, scruff, back, and the sole of her feet are examples. Well, I don't recognize it as a key point.

“Don’t relax so much , be in shape for a bit.” Tsuchio

“...But Tsuchio said you would do that when we return.” Ruu

“That and this is a different story, it’s enough right?” Tsuchio

“Yes, but it felt good.” Ruu

“I will do it as much as you want as soon as we return home. So, stand up, stand up.” Tsuchio

At the night when Ruu became a human and the students left, we borrowed a tent and slept.... Since I said that she became a human, Ruu began to sleep together with me. No, I do not mind it particularly. Luckily, I forged my resistance thanks to Lucas, so I wont assault even if it is Ruu. The only problem was that Ruu just carried out a night crawling.

No, that was dangerous. When I opened my eyes, because I felt something heavy, Ruu’s face was close to mine. My expression at that time...how shall I say it, I was aroused very much.

Well, I was close to death, and just after my injuries were cured, I was really tired, so I wanted to sleep as soon as possible. Although I was aroused, I had no strength for a night battle. Moreover, my head was full with the strategy and the demons now, therefore I cannot afford to do something like that. So I promised Ruu that she shall wait until we return to the academy. She wanted to do it but... it seem I’m reluctant to do it with her, so I promised reluctantly. Well I made a definite promise as soon as we return...well that’s fine. I’m a man and naturally, I’m interested in this. What about Lime and Rin? In particularly nothing was said, uh. My neck would be lightly wrung by Lime and when I get on Rin it will be rodeo. Yes, nothing was said, yes. ...Rins charm was better than Lime’s which was dangerous. She clung to my body like a miasma....

The next morning,we the 20-man invasion corp, part from the feint and plunge corps, came to the edge of fortress area. My familiars and I, the knight leaders Regitto and Jamir, the heroes and their knights, and three knights from each knight order made the 20-man team. Muushida-san leads the feint corps and all teachers are there too. The day is still peeking out its head, so the vicinity is still dim. By the way, I finished seeing it very much and it was impossible after all, however I can’t say it. Well, though I think that we do not

have any problem....

“Yosh...for now, they don’t seem to notice. Let’s wait until the feint corps begins to attack. What reaction will the creatures on the top have?”

“There is a moderate number, will they decrease a little when the front is attacked?”

“I guess that not all of them will leave...so don’t expect it to be too much.”

“Thats so. Mikado-san, can you really climb this wall.?”

“Yes...well, I won’t have any problem.”

Ah after a long time a 10m tall building. Although there were a lot of those on earth, I have only seen the big tree in which Spirit-san lives here so far. Hellfire-san is also 10m tall.

While we waited expectantly for a while behind a grass thicket, an explosion suddenly sounded. Next a large number of voices can be heard continuously. As scheduled, they seemed to have started the feint. However, they shouldn’t get so worn out as much as possible. It is easier to invade further if they continue pulling the enemies, so we can open the gate quickly.

“How is the watch doing, did they move?”

“...Yes, they have begun to move.”

“Tch, rather than I thought, they remained. I certainly thought that they disappeared...”

“You must not underestimate devil beasts. Possibly, they are slightly special”

“Special...what do you mean?”

“I will tell you later. So, do we invade it now?”

“...Yes, let’s go. Mikado, I leave it in your care”

“Okay. Spirits of the dead, cut the nature of my life, Invisibility”

I used concealment magic and went of the grass thicket. Although I also used magic to erase my magical power and the sound I made, I cannot deceive there. Well, as for the watchtower 10m above me, they still didnt notice me. Well, even if they noticed me, it won’t be a problem if I defeat them quickly. They

were defeated quickly with Ruu and Rin.

When I threw a talisman on the ground, three rock snakes arose. The snakes stretched themselves calmly when they get on my head. Still the snakes are only modeled and I didn't hear a sound at all. By the way, why do they stretch....

Their height was rising rapidly and they arrived right under the top of the wall in no time. Emm, it was probably around here. ...If possible I don't want to be caught, so I'm variously anxious. It doesn't seem that we speak the same language....

"Lime, do you seem to be able to climb the wall from here?"

"...Musuu..."

She was still sulky. She was in a good mood on the move and while resting, however it was necessary to wan her indeed when being dragged here.

"When Lime becomes a human, I will do the same thing. If you keep sulking, I never will do it"

"...-nod-"

As expected, even Lime won't put personal feelings to the strategy. Because bricks as big as stones are spread all over the wall, Lime got in liquid form and climbed up smoothly. She tooks out only her face to peep over the wall.

Holding bows and watching the surroundings, goblins wearing the same equipment as what we saw before, can be seen seen when she looked around restlessly. She seemed to see whether the enemy attacks her here from far away somehow, however they didn't try to see just below the wall. Usually you would check it neatly, but it seems an effect was achieved by the feint.

"Gyagyagya?"

"Gaggagga!"

"Gyaga!"

The goblins were talking about something. Have opinions been mutually exchanged? ...Well even goblins would do so. Because it isn't too detailed, it is hard to assert....

“Okay, Rin. You jump out at a stretch and knock down one of them. Also you shouldn’t be noticed by the other guys. You may murder him. The other two are left to Lime”

“Buruu”

Rin who rode a different snake, kicked its head and jumped quickly, before exposing her figure to the goblins. The goblins gathered together because of the sudden appearance of Rin, and Lime took this chance to approach them. Rin shot out a blitz which penetrated the head of an goblin directly, and with the nails from Lime that arose from the ground, the necks of the remaining two were penetrated. Huu, it was decided momentarily.

I went over the wall and confirmed whether there are no other devil beasts around. Apparently, only the minimum guard was left and they seemed to have gone to intercept the feint corps. ...Uh, it seemed to be safe.

With Ruu’s small fire, we signaled to the others below. They came out immediately from the thicket and ran up the back of the snakes.

“Well done everyone. Hush, be quiet. I feel some kind of magic”

“It’s different. It isn’t magic but an talisman”

Resembling...it was a talisman in order to assist magic.

“A talisman, that’s strange. Usually they use wood canes that aren’t attached with a jewel”

“After all even this short cane is bulky and expensive too. To that point, talismans are cheaper and not so bulky. Well, something expensive is expensive”

The material...even ordinary paper was no problem entirely, but the included magic amount is quite different. It is impossible for common paper to let a mass of rock snakes appear. Paper can’t endure too much magic, so it is possible to burn it off.

“Then I’d like to get off.... Although there are stairs, it is too dangerous to go inside the wall. Mikado, can you move the snakes here?”

“Please wait a minute. Huuu...come!”

Concentrating magic in my right hand and advocating the word, the snakes collapsed and the talisman returned into my hand. Huu, after all collecting it from a long distance, you need to concentrate a lot.... At the time I fought the demon, I wasn't able to do it.

I just lost the talisman on the ground and let the snakes appear again. When you erased it, you need to insert magic again, however I do not want to do it so often.... Well I can't talk about such a thing. Exposing it...isn't good. It has to shine before.

"When you put it out too often, it may be noticed by somebody. Let's get down quickly"

"Okay. Hey, hear about our movement as soon as we go down. We can't apply a burden to the feint too much, so let's open the gate quickly!"

"Yes!"

Being fired up by the whisper, the knight leaders and the heroes took the initiative and went inside the fortress like a snake. I will follow behind them too.

Chapter 53: With Rin

Sliding down the back of the snake, I followed the knight leaders after I collected my talisman. There was still some mana left, but it wasn't enough, so I refrained from using the snakes. Indeed, I don't want to take it out and use all of it any more.

Many buildings were built in the fortress. The inside probably seemed to have the form of a town. The soldier's families seemed to live in this fortress too, and don't have a residential area on the south side. We invaded from the southeastern end and are advancing to the south gate where the feint corp is attacking.

There were no signs of life near by. When the monsters attacked, they would have ran away. However, they will remain living in their houses in the future. It depends whether the devil beasts stay there.

"There are almost no monsters here...did they gather on the south gate?"

"I guess so. I don't know whether reinforcements have arrived, but it is likely that they didn't."

"From what basis?"

"Intuition. Well, we also chased them once, so even if they haven't come, it wouldn't be strange."

"Before reinforcements come, we must seize this place.... However, how long will it take until they reach here?"

"I don't know, but they will come soon."

We hurried to the south gate while hiding ourselves in a house. In the place

where we advanced for a while, we heard a big noise. There were devil beasts but we don't know what they are talking about.

"Hey, hold on everybody. There is a scout."

"Then, let's have my subordinate go. They won't be found if they conceal themselves by magic, because Elves are good at cutting off their sign."

"Good, then it is left to you. Everyone else confirm their equipment. We will go into battle soon."

When the Elf knights used concealment magic, they disappeared at a stretch and we also didn't know where they were. It's very different from mine...the main vocation was just too different.

We don't know it, but the Elves already faced the scout. By the way, I was asked to support them.... Saiko would apply support magic, while I throw talismans from far away.

"Everyone take part in the battle. Think about what comes after this, so please use magic."

"I see, what about Mikado?"

"Well...I will support on Rin's back. Ruu and Lime will go to the front and open a space in front of the gate. The dwarves will open the gate."

"A herald."

"-Nod-

"It's left to you."

I got on top of Rin and shared magic with her. As usual, I took charge of the fine control.

“Rin as always is bad.”

“Buru?”

“No, you want to fight on the front as before right? However, because I’m on top of you, close combat can be done...”

Usually, it was Rin who took the charge of supporting, but actually she is an all-around girl who can also do close combat. The kick surrounded by electricity can shatter the enemies’ bodies, and can accomplish a powerful dash that is amazing. My role is to utilize Rin’s ability to the fullest....

“...Burururu...”

Since I’m weak, I can only silently protect them from behind... Unlike Ruu and Lime, speaking frankly, Rin is useless in a useless place. I can only stay in the rear.

“...Okay, I also strengthened my resolve. Now Rin, go charge.”

“Buru!?”

“It’s okay, it’s fine as long as we don’t let them approach you. Besides, with your legs, you can avoid them if they approach you.”

“...Buru, Bururuua! Burururuu!”

“Oioi, Aren’t you getting desperate hereWell, since there is no plan, it can’t be helped”

Because an image can be done, I will manage it somehow. It’s like the animes I have seen.

“We’re back now.”

“That was quick. What happened?”

“A large number of devil beasts are on the wall and they are engaged with bows and magic. Because many devil beasts are gathering in front of the gate, it's necessary we should defeat them quickly”

“Then, let's knock them down quickly. Gradually, we need to ease the feint! Hey heroes, you're heroes so fight neatly!”

“Understood! We cannot cause more deaths any longer!”

Monsters are also creatures...well, it is us to have induced to be able to happen.... And I think that they're still slightly special. I have to make sure variously and it can't be entrust to someone else. Unless it is me.

“We, the empire, the cave country, and the kingdom's knights and heroes come from the front. The Elf territory Imperial Guardsmen attack from the buildings roof with magic. Mikado...”

“I will smash the enemy on the wall. It isn't a problem to go up there for us, because my familiars can fly.”

“Okay, we rely on you. When the fellows below are defeated and the gate is opened, we must face the reinforcements at once.”

“First of all, everyone let's defeat them. So let's go”

“We will go, too!”

Lime went up the wall on Ruu's back at a stretch. To us who jumped up from the bottom, the devil beasts which met the feint corps there suddenly looked all together at us. As soon as we land, they already had their weapons ready. They're quick to respond and they don't seem to be normal devil beasts as expected.... There are only human-type monsters here and no animal-like monsters. Did they return or haven't they come to the south gate yet.... Let's pray for the former.

At the area right above the south gate, just where we went down, we were encircled by the surrounding devil beasts. Truly, we aimed for it. The goblins

who were comparatively near, immediately attacked the nearby Ruu. They wielded a sword to her stomach, but Ruu resisted it with her left hand and struck their bellies hard with her right hand.

“...Come”

This word was a trigger. The devil beasts which were in the front row of the wall attacked us at the same time. Ruu fought against the enemies in front, while Rin and I fought against those in the back.

“Bururu!?”

“I leave it to you!”

With Rin blindly firing an arrow of thunder, I casted magic, too.

Four regular octahedron, with a crackle, split open and appeared and floated around Rin. Sphere Bit, a restraint magic that shoots thunder arrows. When an enemy approaches, it collides with them and self explodes. Because the number is little, I can control it with Rin’s magical power.

Rin just looked back and crashed into one of the enemies while scattering magic. Magic concentrated at her horn and it shone palely. While the lightning pattern that extended even to her body released light, Rin and I broke through the enclosure at a dash. The monsters who were in the course of Rin were blown off and their bodies that were grazed became hollow. Instead of the range narrowing, the accomplishment power polished. The top and the bottom cries and the guys who were hit directly divided. We continued pursuing them further, by me drawing out firebees to attack them. However it wasn’t enough to knock the devil beasts down. And far from decreasing, the number of monsters instead increased because of the devil beasts which came as

reinforcements from other places. Although the enclosure collapsed at once, they seemed to have reorganized immediately.

“Rin, it is troublesome if you’re encircled. Move around and disturb them!”

“Buru!”

Rin who was attacked by devil beasts again has no time to take a breath. Knocking it down a while ago, the enclosure still crumbled at the sweet spot. Although there was a veteran who started slashing at the passing state, we prevented it with the Bit as a shield. Her leg strength was easily reinforced with magic and I seemed to pay out a dash here only with my devil hands. There was a great difference between now and the time I started as a tamer.

In the bottom, the dwarves seemed to have reached the hoist at the gate at last. The fight of the heroes was quite good too, but Regitto-san was greater. Using his high body ability peculiar to Werebeasts, he ran around inexhaustibly but needs to turn around sometimes. He surely was suitable to beat and cut. With such a good weapon, he can’t move fast there.... Jamir instead attacked with magic. Because we took care of the enemy on the wall, he can now concentrate on his attack. A big pillar of fire went up when the fireball was shot, while many thick rock spears are being given off with terrible speed. Umm, there isn’t anything superior to an Elf than his magic as expected. Humans can’t cast magic so fast.

The south gate which began to give up slowly by the muscular strength of the dwarves and seemed quite heavy opened steadily. Do the devil beasts understand that it is bad that the gate opens, because the monsters rushed up to the hoist. However the knight leaders didn’t permit it, and the gate of the fortress was open at last.

The feint unit surged in quickly and attacked the devil beasts by the momentum. Unrest also spread over the monsters which are on the wall at

time, and their movement became bad. Rin attacked them and they suffered injuries while their numbers decreases, besides they don't fall into a vicious circle of being cornered. Lets overcome it before it's too late!

“Rin, let's use a technique, so we can kill all of them. With the magic consumption so you can still fight after this, is there something?”

“Buru...”

“Oh, that one. Should I control it?”

“Bururuu..”

“Okay, leave it to me. Rin, concentrate on the preparation.”

I centralized her magical power in the front of the body as it was said by Rin. A lot of magical power was gathered in the small range and it went up like heat waves. Wearing the magical power like an aura, Rin took a dash posture. Aa, I see. Somehow, the thing that Rin wants to do has been understood. After all, our magic sharing is convenient. Maintaining the aura-like magic, the following shape was imaged. Transforming anytime to allow her to go wild.

And Rin plunged right into the middle of the enemy. When her speed reached the climax, the magic transformed and was instantly released. Rin became a white flash which looked like a big thunder aura, she ran through the wall's top. It was totally reinforcement decoration. Her magical power settled, and the aura dispersed. When turning around, there was a straight singe on the wall and things which were monsters getting burned, rolled around. The number was few, but they would probably vanish obviously. It was quite a power.

“Tsuchio on Rin? If you do a combine attack, you should say to us earlier! If we didn't notice, we would be involved too!”

“Kokukoku!”

“Ah...sorry. I will pay attention next time”

“Buru...”

“Really...well, you were able to sweep away all devil beasts on the wall with this. Because reinforcement seems to have come too, let's go help.”

“You're right. Rin, are you okay? Though I said that you could fight after this...”

“Bururuu!”

“Uh, that's a good answer. Lime are you also alright? No injuries?”

“Purupuru...” Purupuru

“Lime you also take care, because I don't know what happens in this world.”

Uusha, let's do our best!

Chapter 54: It was delicious

“According to the knight order divide according to your leader”

“Adventurer, you will follow the command of commander Kisato”

“The injured ones don’t overdo it! You will withdraw to recover your injuries!”

The knight leaders give instructions and organize everyone as decided. The teachers are moving with the adventurer and gather next to Kisato-san. For now, let's get there too.

“Tsuchio-sama are you okay!?”

“There are no injuries but I have no magical power for now. Rin, your power was really great, so can you still move?”

“...Buru”

“I see. You can do what you want for the time being, but if I think it's impossible, I'll make you withdraw immediately. Okay?”

“Buruu”

“How about you Ruu and Lime?”

“I still have space, but I almost was defeated.”

“Kokukoku...” Purupuru

Lime also seem to be okay....That's right.

“If I'm here, I tend to rely on magic by all means. So I go off from you Rin and fight too”

“Buru...”

“I have to be here, so I will fight with reinforcement magic as before”

“is that what you decided? If you fight on the front, please come with me”

“Eh, we won’t fight on the front though?”

...N? What does she mean?

“Don’t you go to the front?”

“Koku”

“Buru”

“Uh, I have to protect Tsuchio. Moreover, a demon might come”

“No No No. If you say such a thing, you can’t fight! How about the rearguard.”

Uu, when I say so they can’t retort...no, if I understand the reason why that demon came here, Ruu may also be convinced. I can predict it to some extent.

“No, I think demons won’t come anymore. It’s just a prediction but I think the demons won’t cast group magic again because there is the magic corps taking care of that. Well, because the demon had such a character, it didn’t go well.... And I think there aren’t many demons in this fortress left. The head that took charge of the total command was defeated by the heroes.”

“Then, who is taking charge of the command?”

“Who knows. Maybe they move by their own judgement or maybe there is a demon that is like a vice-commander.... Rather than that, we don’t have to afford to go to the rear because of the demons. We still have our reinforcement.”

However, with Regitto’s reason, we cannot necessarily ignore the perception of a strong opponent. In addition, it isn’t necessary to hold out a siege when the reinforcement comes. And because we lose in numbers, we should stay in the

castle and earn some time.

“...Understood, if Tsuchio says so, we fight in the front. However, we will return at once when I think it is dangerous!”

“Yes, when you'll do that, I'm saved, too....Thank you for worrying”

“Of course, it is for Tsuchio's well-being.”

Ruu will be a good wife in the future by all means. I absolutely have no intent to hand her over to anyone.

“Hahaha, you're on good terms. I'm getting red when I see this.”

“I'm sorry, taking some time. Ruu will go to the frontline.”

“Then, please come to me.”

Okay, I too will devote myself to supporting. Don't go out too far, you know what Ruu will say right.

I was assigned to guard the magicians again. Even if I say so, I'm a person who fights directly and sufficiently. On the front fight the knights...while the adventurer tends to fall back. Because it is such a reason, I keep throwing talismans on the roof. Occasional magic is blown off, but I always prevent it by raising a wall.

Seeing the mixed knights and adventurer corps at the front, they go to the center of the fortress from a separate way. There is a big building in the center of the fortress and probably on the top floor over there, the head of the fortress might reside. Well, several devil beasts are protecting it now. Why would you reside in such a conspicuous place? ...ah, it is probably for the government official who comes from the imperial castle.

We run straight in the rooftop and jump over house after house at times and follow the adventurer. There are devil beasts going on the roof, but they fall down mostly before they can approach.

“Ugagagaga!”

“GyaGyaGya!”

“Yes yes, make way make way-”

“Uge!?”

“Gyago!?”

Goblins came to the roof this very moment, however, I send them flying with my talismans. Coming up are only goblins because orcs can't go up here. Occasionally, harpies, lizardmen, and monkeys come too, however, they aren't so strong. They are at the level that I can support with enough fire bees.

When the people in the front were about to reach the building in the center, the monsters who were near the north gate run away. There is nothing in the center or is there something after they ran away? Capturing this fortress once, do they think they can capture it again? Flames broke out from several places, so does this mean they burn all supplies in this fortress. After this, do they attack again?

The knights didn't pursue the devil beasts. Well, our mission is to regain the fortress, so it isn't necessary to chase them too far.

Probably because their leader also ran away, the monsters ran away one after another. And the devil beasts departed in no time from the fortress. Already a wonderful retreat.... Well, I understand that we don't chase them.

All monsters ran away and the fortress is wrapped in silence. And a large

number of roars echoed. Huum...finally it is over. No, not yet. It will end when we can repulse the devil beasts who try to get back here.

“Tsuchio are you uninjured!?”

“I’m alright...I was on the roof all the time.”

“...” Purun

“It seems to be all right. Are you all uninjured?”

“I’m not injured. I’m your familiar.”

“Kokukoku”

“Buruu”

“That’s a relief.”

Anyway Ruu and the other tends to make light of myself, therefore if they are hurt, I want them to notice that there is a person who worries about them....

“All right, we regained the fortress! It is approximately two weeks until the residence soldier comes from the capital! Till then, don’t let a devil beasts to step on the soil of this fortress!”

Are we restricted here until the residence soldier come.... Haa, I am worried whether I’m not left for study....

After that, for two weeks devil beasts attacked several times and we were able to protect the fortress through until the residence soldiers came somehow. The biggest attacks were three. I concentrate on it in the first week even if I say a surprise attack of the devil beasts, it was counted in the first and did not spread into the latter half.

The first surprise attack was particularly dangerous. Many devil beasts came

over from the north and attacked. Without the magic of the elves, we might have lost it again. We reduced their number by magic to some extent, afterward, we went out of the gate and dealt with the interception. Well, Ruu tidied up more than half of them with her breath. No, the flock of devil beasts was broken like the ten commandments of Moses. Her breath seemed to affect her body, so she firmly demanded a massage on that night, if it is compared to the fortress, a massage is cheap.

Because the next attack was relatively few, Rin brought a thunderstorm and gave damage generally. This isn't just any thunderstorm with rain and thunder, it is literally a thunder rain. Although there is a considerable accumulation of magic power, the power and range are guaranteed. At the evening of that day, my magic power reached the maximum. Well, I recover if I sleep a little so it is not a problem. The weary fact doesn't change....

And the third attack. Even if I say a maraud of big scale, it's being compared with the second half. If it's compared with the previous two, the number is large, but most of them are small fishes. The strongest was B rank, so I let Lime run wild. No, it was scary.... Because Ruu and Rin were devoting themselves as my guards, therefore Lime stepped forward, but...it was scary.... She moved between the monsters and tear their necks by passing by. Blood spouts out each time and polluted Limes body. Although it is good because there is separately no enjoyed paragraph...her figure which cuts devil beasts plainly, reminded him of a murder machine.... Because she rushed up whether she wanted me to praise her while being bloody, I hugged her properly and lifted and spun her. A man has the situation he isn't supposed to pull! Though why does she seem so, slightly dissatisfied?

Nevertheless...after all, the true colors of the magic beast has not been known. Absolutely they are likely to differ from this continental monsters... however, it isn't revealed to what is different. I should understand the difference.... I mean why do I worry about it here. The devil beasts are our enemy, but is there not another party who we should defeat. ...Well, because I can't be convinced with that, I'll worry about it here. If I hold such thought for devil beasts, I will have the same thought towards Lime and Rin. Therefore I

need materials denying this thought. As much as it is really different, because it's difficult to give up easily, it's ill-natured. At night I'm not able to sleep with this anxious, Ruu will definitely come from the kingdom and hit me ... If she can confirm that I can't sleep, it's not like I mind but, well it's that, just like Ruu.

And on the day when the residence soldiers came, the knight orders of the other countries returned. I heard that they will be thanked directly by the king soon. Everybody seem to be troubled with it.... The teachers and I returned to the academy after we stayed overnight at the royal capital. We had no guards but only several times we were attacked by devil beasts but all of them were defeated by the teachers. Well, I am thankful because during the movement I slept on top of Rin all the time. ...That reminds me, where will Ruu stay in the future in the academy.... The monster storage is like a poor prison...in my room? HAHAHA, what are you saying captain? That hair hairstyle is a joke, that kind of bird's nest Afro sunglasses head ! such is like DJ in the 80's you know!

(George is a fictitious person. And, the thing about 80's is Tsuchio's narrow-minded view)

Well, George is left behind. I should be serious with a room for Ruu. I will talk with the principal later. As expected, I can't send a woman to jail.

We arrived at the academy in no time. After circa 1 month... feels like one month. I was close to death, Ruu became a human and we recaptured the fortress. Well, the last one has finished searching awfully. If saying so, I left with a good grace strangely. I admired, but when thinking now, the beginning is somewhere strange. Well, it is good to value the life of the soldiers. Then it's consumed wastefully. Haa, only my doubt increases....

Many students met us with applause at the front gate. Miraculous...there was no casualty by the teachers. Lucas jumps into my chest with teary eyes when I go off the carriage. The eyes around are lukewarm, but some schoolgirls have

become enthusiasm. Hey there! As for the invitation receiving, what is with me! Do not say whether the opposite is an ant or original! Ruu stop her glance that has finished cooling down, too!

“Tsuchio-kimi! I was really worried!!!”

“Tsuchio-dono～～～!!!”

“Sometimes you are strange!? What’s wrong with you, hey!?”

“Yes, I have been injured a little. However, because it was healed properly, I am entirely okay. My flesh was shaved a little.”

“I, it seems to be painful～”

“It is fine now and has been already cured. Hey, separate from me, the principal called me. I will talk a lot with you later.”

Lucas and the others left unwillingly. By the way, what does she want to talk with me?

“Oh, you came. I have already finished talking with the other teachers.”
Principal

“Excuse me...what do you want to talk about?” Tsuchio

“It’s about reward and vacation. After making you fight only, class is too hard suddenly.” Principal

“Is that so. Can I take a little rest, too?” Tsuchio

“Of course, please slowly relax. Together with the heroes and Sasha-sensei, Tsuchio-boya was called to the capital. It seem to give etiquette and a reward.”
Principal

“...Meeting the king?” Tsuchio

Only that...really stop only that...! It is still good in case of the war and there is

no problem if Ruu is there. However, it will be bad if the opponent is politic. It's best if we don't involve ourselves in that kind of thing.

"No, you're fine only with that. To express their gratitude, it probably will be a minister from this neighborhood. The reward...well, it will be money." Principal

"Haa...the details are told later. Ah, about Ruu, I want you to prepare another room..." Tsuchio

"Yes, she became a human-type. Certainly, the image isn't good...if I am not mistaken, the private room dormitory which a stupid noble of somewhere built in old days is still kept intact, you can take it if you want. It seems to be cleaned neatly, so I think you can use it immediately."

"Heee...for what would I use a private room dormitory."

"Then, it's fine with whatever right. Please hear a detailed talk from the dorm mother."

"Okay."

At night, Lucas questioned me all the time from the evening, so I have the dorm mother lead me to the personal dormitory. Visually, it is a small lodge.... If it's this size, may there be only several rooms?

"Look, this the personal dormitory, because it is cleaned properly, it is still usable now. ...if you bring a girl here, don't demolish it." Dorm mother

"I won't do such a thing. I didn't know, that there is a thing like this in the back of the dormitory. Thank you for your guidance." Tsuchio

"Don't mind it, although you're a student, you were taken to war.... It was hard, therefore take a rest, slowly." Dorm mother

"Th, Thank you very much." Tsuchio

Oh, the dorm mother is strangely gentle. Then, I'm thankful....

The inside is in a beautiful state without dust as the dorm mother said. As

expected, there are only a big bedroom and restroom and all furniture are high quality. The bedroom in itself is considerably big, 4–5 single beds may be displayed aside. It is large as noble people have.

I took Ruu with me and we looked inside the room. Just now I said you can put several beds inside, but there is really only one big bed. Some furniture such as a desk or a dresser won't be used by Ruu and I have no problem. Although I didn't bring Lime and Rin here...I will show it them tomorrow.

“This is good, Ruu. It's quite a wonderful building, moreover, a private room.”
Tsuchio

“Yes, it is really good...a private room.” Ruu

She pushed my back and I fall onto the bed. Ruu sits on top of me. Her face flushed and her breath has fallen into disorder a little, too.

“Emm...Ruu? What is with your face...” Tsuchio

“Tsuchio you said it. We are doing this as soon as we return to the academy.”
Ruu

Ruu gives a lot of care to her necktie and unties it so that her two sweet and rich melons peep out from her collar and naturally my eyes are drawn to them... dangerous, dangerous. I have to make sure that it won't spill...even if it spill out is it good? N, No, I must do it properly!

“Mou, where are you looking...pervert.”

“Eh, ah, emm...”

“Keeping me waiting all the time, even though knowing that I'm tempting.... I'm very excited.”

My arm is held and her face has been brought closer. Her pretty face that feels sharp on the battlefield is deep red in front of me and she smiles bewitchingly. ...'Uuwa, this is bad. My whole face is definitely complete red now....'

"It's fine now right? Here is the institute already, you do not need to endure it." Ruu

"I, It is so. Such a promise. Bu-But I'm really tired, so let's wait for the next opportunity..." Tsuchio

"Not good, that is.... This sweet thing, I can't endure it anymore."

"Ru, Ruu calm down okay? For now, let's count Pi..."

"Then...Itadakimaasu"

Eh, cho, Ruu? W, wait...!? A, A, Aaaaa!!!???

Chapter 55: Saw it, Saw it

<Lime's viewpoint>

At night, I slipped out of the monster storage after a long time. So that father doesn't find out, I had a hard time making a hole in the corner. And since it was considerably small, it won't be easily discovered. It was already a month since I last slipped out, therefore I can't overdo it so much. Today, while training my senses, I incidentally noticed that the magic power of father and elder sister were close to each other. Then I remembered that after elder sister went to see the room with father, she didn't come back.... Then, are they sleeping already? I, who was strangely interested, went to the place where father was.

There was a hut close to the girl's dormitory. At such a place...father seemed to be there together with elder sister. What the heck are they doing?

When I peered the surroundings from the outside, a light leaked out from the window. The curtain seemed to be open...I'm anxious about the state inside. Though it was a bad thing, I peeped inside for a bit.

When I stretched my head a little to look through the gap between the curtain, an unbelievable scene was seen there. Sitting naked on the bed was father, and elder sister was shaking her waist with a slutty face. Father received her with a face that doesn't seem to be dissatisfied. Elder sister was embracing father and were exchanging kisses repeatedly.

I was able to see so much. If I want them not to notice me, I would have to crouch down to the ground. Elder sister became a demon. She followed father all the time, gave her mind and body to him and looked after him. Therefore this is natural right? I must not disturb. And yet, in my chest, something dark swirled up. Remembering elder sister's face, I continued hitting the ground. Though I shouldn't think of such a thing, my body moved on its own and I can't control myself. However, every time I hit elder sister in my mind, the desire in my chest gradually lightened. Still, it did not disappear. Ah, elder sister is very beautiful, neat and bewitching. I envy her very much. Only, she received father's love and gave father her whole body. He doesn't do it with me because

he treats me like a child!

Then until father went to sleep, I continued hitting the ground all the time. When I returned to myself, the ground was full of holes. Ah, what was I doing? Like that, I tried to go hunting. Ah, I have witnessed the love affair of father and elder sister. I don't care about it particularly because elder sister was enduring it all the time. Nevertheless, I don't want to see this scene ever again. If I see it next time, I'm not sure if I can hold myself back. If I also become a human, I will do the same thing. I mustn't shelve it and is it wrong to be jealous of elder sister? Somehow I need to endure it until I become a human or I will....

The next morning, I woke up from the birds chirping outside. Ah...I and Ruu went to visit the personal dormitory.... Emm and that....

I, who laid naked on the bed was wrapped up in a futon and someone slept next door. When I peeped timidly into the inside, Ruu, who was also naked, was balled up and was still sleeping. Ah, the morning chirping comes from her. Hmm, I gradually remembered it. ...Uuu, I can't be a groom anymore.... (TL note: It was so clear that this quote will come:))

Oh dear, sleeping peacefully...You must be put to sleep well huh, this guy.

Like this, I guess....

Last night's grudge was included when I poke her cheeks. They felt bouncy. Wow, and soft. It may become a habit. Her chest was also feeling like that.

I secretly touched Ruu's chest. Th, This!? Softness that inhales everything and elasticity that pushes back my finger. Is this a woman's mystery? The feeling was surely hard to describe. Soft.

"How long do you want to touch it Tsuchio?" Ruu

"Ah, good morning Ruu." Tsuchio

"You're really lewd." Ruu

"I don't want to hear it from Ruu...you even attacked me suddenly." Tsuchio

"Can't help it, I endured it all the time." Ruu

"Haa...let's bathe." Tsuchio

“Before that.” Ruu

Ruu pushed me down again. Emm, by any chance this....

“It’s rest day from now on right? One more tim ok?” Ruu

“As I thought! It’s necessary to ask the principal about the details! So later ok!” Tsuchio

“No way.” Ruu

Ruu embraced me from the front. Oooh, it’s hitting! Something soft and firm is hitting me!

“It’s hitting right. If this is a class, then this would be called the keep silence time, while I’m like this, just let me do it until I’m satisfied.” Ruu

“Oh, calm down Ruu! Count the prime numbers!” Tsuchio

“If you hate me then I won’t do it you know? Tsuchio, do you dislike doing it with me...?” Ruu

Tch...those upturned eyes are of foul play you know!

“Haa, I don’t hate you. It is very pleasant to fully feel you, Ruu.” Tsuchio

“Me too. Then, Itadakimasu.” Ruu

“That and this is anothe—!!!???” Tsuchio

I was squeezed by Ruu until the afternoon. I’m not satisfied yet so I won’t let you sleep tonight either! Ruu declared with a smile.... Yes, a cry of joy went up. I mean, why is Ruu always on top!? My pride as a man was stammered. Today, I will also do my best....

After washing my body neatly, I went to the principal’s office. Meanwhile, Ruu went to Lime and Rin. Does she want to boast about last night?

“Excuse me...” Tsuchio

“Uh, what is Tsuchio-boya? Today should be your free day.” Principal

“About yesterday’s talk, I want to hear the details.” Tsuchio

“Yesterday’s talk...ah, the reward. Well sit down” Principal

I sat down on the sofa of the principal’s office. The principal moved in front of

me while he continued talking.

“I think that there is a case we need to talk in detail...” Principal

“Emm, before the talk. The reward is related to the education of the heroes and the war right?” Tsuchio

“Yes, it is so. Because the academy went to war under the direct control of the kingdom, money will be the reward that you will get.” Principal

“Hee, the teachers are also serious...” Tsuchio

“To that extent, you helped variously. As for the balance, I feel smooth. So what do you want to hear?” Principal

“When I go to the capital, will I also hear about the reward?” Tsuchio

The former was an opportunity, the latter was a subject.

“Tsuchio-boya, there would be no classes for a while. You and Sasha-sensei will go as quickly as possible.... It is fitting to leave on the day after tomorrow.” Principal

“Uee, after I finally came back I need to go to the capital already again.... Then shouldn’t we have done it before returning to the academy?” Tsuchio

“Because Regitto is here, he will have the first priority.” Principal

Ah, I don’t like it very much. Hush, again the capital? I didn’t see the sights very much, so can I go around to look for a bit. Shall I buy souvenirs for Lucas, Triss, and Fall?

“And what do you want to hear about the reward?” Principal

“Ah, that’s right. You said the reward would be money, but can’t it be something else?” Tsuchio

“What, money is unnecessary for you?” Principal

“Although it is not unnecessary for me, I’m not in trouble now. Therefore can I have something else?” Tsuchio

I’m also fine with money, but the fact is...I want to ask for something else.

“Well...it depends on what you want. What do you want?” Principal

“Emm, new talismans, a rare and strong monster, and information.... Look, is there a library that the country is managing?” Tsuchio

“Yes, the royal library. Talismans or devil beasts...well I expected it.” Principal

“The design of a talisman is mostly thought about by an individual. Well, in regard to the circumstances of the image, it can happen by all means.... Still, if I show you what kind of thing it is, I think it will serve as a reference!” Tsuchio

“Hee...a devil beast?” Principal

“No, what kind of devil beasts inhabit the kingdom? I think that a map was made. I want to know the information of the neighborhood! Ah, when I know that place, I will go there as a tamer. What other people caught has no meaning.” Tsuchio

“Information?” Principal

“It’s about summoning. Look, will a summoner summon and form a contract with a devil beast? Therefore, I want to know what is said.” Tsuchio

To be honest, I want a new familiar instead of money. I wasn’t able to tame a devil beast at the war. This time, I want a familiar who can use magic, especially healing magic. It should be able to cure injuries immediately.

“You’re greedy...well, it’s good to be young.” Principal

“That’s right! Thereupon to which will it change?” Tsuchio

“As long as the library admission fees are paid, there is no problem because everyone can enter...the habitation information of devil beasts, I think you can attain it from the adventurer guild? Such information is important for an adventurer. Entrance permission to the national land, you won’t be able to get it.” Principal

“Heee, but you can get most of it right?” Tsuchio

“Only with the talisman I can’t help you. In the first place, I don’t know much whether there is a user. Even if one is here, I don’t think they will hand over their technique so easy” Principal

“Is that so...well, a devil beast needs priority over a talisman.” Tsuchio

About summoning, I didn't expect it very much. I don't know about it very much, but when I summon a devil beast, I will bind it with magic so that it will listen to me. Such a one-sided relation isn't suitable for me. Fighting them and let them surrender properly, I understand that the devil beasts will obey me... then. At least it was so until now.

"At any rate, I still don't know what I can give you. Possibly, it may be something Tsuchio-boya will like. Otherwise, at that time you should ask the person in charge." Principal

"I see. Then, excuse me." Tsuchio

"Ah, wait a minute. Take this"

The principal threw a fist size black stone of at me. Being semitransparent, a dark purple mist filled it inside.... Something with excellent magic power was felt....

"...What nonsense is this?" Tsuchio

"In the past, I got it from a certain place. Dark magic is filled inside this devil stone. I don't use it, so I think that one of Tsuchio's familiars may be able to use it. As a gratitude for troubling you variously, please take it." Principal

"Then I'll receive it thankfully. ...Well, no one of my familiars is here at the moment.... It is very dark." Tsuchio

"Well, when you tame a monster with that type, please give this to it." Principal

"Then, excuse me." Tsuchio

After seeing Ruu's state once, let's visit the library. ...What shall I do with this devil stone.... Well, I'll put it in my pocket for now.

"...Rin, what's this situation?"

"Bururu..."

In front of the monster storage at dawn, I sat down with Rin under a tree and looked the fierce battle of Ruu and Lime taking place in front of me. Both fought without stopping their paces.

“HAAAaaaaaa!!!”

“.....!!!”

Hit, cut, kick, stab, brush off, mow down. Every time fist clashed with claw and claw clashed with fist, sparks flew and magic power that wrapped the area was scattered. What, I sensed something bloodcurdling from Lime. What I mean is...it is like bloodthirst?

“Haa!!!”

“...!?”

Swinging her tail suddenly, Lime strengthened her guard with her claws and caught it from the front. Although she was blown off, Lime landed while arranging her posture in the air and shaved the ground. Dodging the fist of the approaching Ruu, she entered Ruu’s bosom and Ruu’s arm and was shouldered to throw her as it is. Oh, a one-arm shoulder throw. Not bad, Lime.

“Great, you two, I think the temper is a little intense.”

“Bururuu”

“Hmm? ...Ah, come here”

Rin moved her head. When she stretched out her front legs, she put her head on my knees and draw closer to my stomach. Truly, she should always behave like a baby in this way....

“Ah, that’s right. Look, look at this. I got this from the principal. It is filled with excellent magic.”

“...Buruu”

When I show the devil stone to Rin, she turned her face away unpleasantly. Ah, as expected she hates it.... No matter how you look at it why is it so dark.

“What shall I do with this. Ruu and Lime would also not like.... For the time being, I’ll put it in a safe place where it won’t break...”

When I played with the devil stone in my hand while saying so...it slipped from my hand and fall down. The devil stone fell in slow motion. And it fell onto my shadow which inclined by the sunset just as it is before it breaks. The black

mist from the inside is breathed in by the ground.

“...Uwaaaaaaaaaaaa!!!!!!”

“Tsuchio!? What, is!?”

“...!?” Purupuru!?

“Bu, Bururu!”

Although I touched the devil stone, there was only my shadow and the ground. It may still be in the ground and I can dig it out, but there were only soil and the stone. Ah, it was over. It becomes the posture of Orz unintentionally.

“Tsuchio what happened!? Was there something!?”

“...I broke the devil stone, I expected heavenly punishment.”

“...?” Puru?

“Bururu, Burururuu...”

“There is no necessity to comfort, Rin. I’m simply a trash who is stupid, hahahahaha...”

A dry laughter leaks from my mouth. Ah, I already really hate it. Why is it always like that....

“Tsu, Tsuchio? Are you okay?” Ruu

“Ah, Ruu. Yes, I’m okay or perhaps should I say that you don’t need to worry about me Ruu.... My head is bad and even my motor nerve is subtle. I understand that you must do it, so do only that what you like.... Though I have a parent resuscitate, I hardly hear that I say am self-indulgent. That reminds me how are my mother and father.... As for me, what kind of treatment is fitting then.... Coming to this world without being dutiful to my parents. Haa, I’m really ungrateful...are they safe at old age.... I mean, what am I really.... Why do I live... what is the meaning that I live.... Even if I am not here, this world consists separately. Haa, I’m already useless, I’m stupid, I’m foolish, I’m simple, I’m trash, I’m depressed...” Tsuchio

“...!?” Purupuru!

“Bururu!?”

Aaa...A dangerous depression switch was contained. I don't have the motivation anymore...Let's sleep.

"...I'll go home." Tsuchio

"Eh? You go back? Then, I send you off..."

uu

"Fine, I will go sleep already." Tsuchio

"Ko, Koku"

"Buru..."

Haa...I'll apologize to the principal tomorrow. To Ruu and the others too....

Chapter 56: Kneeling Down on the Ground

The next day, I woke up when the sun was about to rise. Haa, because I slept without eating a meal yesterday...I made everyone worry. A day passed and my feelings somewhat lightened. Before I go to the capital, shall I apologize to the principal?

Since Lucas was still asleep, I prepared to go out while being careful not to make a sound. ...What is this strange feeling? Even if I turned around, there was only a desk and a window there. Lucas was sleeping so there shouldn't be anyone else. There is no place to hide...however, I still feel like there is someone there. Umm, what is this? What should I do if something happens while I sleep?

“Excuse me...is someone there?” Tsuchio

Though I thought it was stupid, I still spoke out. The room was quiet and you can only hear the breathing of Lucas who was sleeping. Is it my imagination...? When I thought so and was about to wear my pants, my shadow shook slightly at the edge of my sight. ...huh, my shadow?

My shadow was unexpectedly shaking slightly with the source being the sunlight shining through the window. Naturally, a shadow cannot shake, if it isn't caused by a candle. I mean, even a candle doesn't shake.

My shadow continued shaking soundlessly and just stood up. ...No, it isn't a lie!? Having my shape, it just stood up aimlessly. Its feet were connected directly to my foot and shadow. ...What is this?

“Emm...who are you?” Tsuchio

“...”

A shadow that doesn't speak. However, mutual understanding seemed to be possible. It pointed at me and itself with its black hand. The shadow repeated it...and I still have no idea what it is trying to say! Emm, for now, I shall tame it for my safety...I can't tame it. This being isn't a devil beast....

So for now, I put my pants tightly on since I was interrupted before. Well, first of all let's show it to Ruu and the others. Yes, let's do that. Ruu might be able to understand it. I don't know whether it can talk.

Well then...Shadow-san. Come.” Tsuchio

The shadow nodded when I say so and returned to my shadow like before. ... Let's go.

“I'm sorry Tsuchio. I think that this guy can't speak. I don't understand it.”
Ruu

“I see...well I expected as much. Although mutual understanding is possible... its ego is too thin.” Tsuchio

“How strong is it?” Ruu

“Well it was...like when Lime was tamed?” Tsuchio

“It's equal...but it wasn't like this yesterday.” Ruu

After joining with Ruu, the shadow was shown to everyone in the monsters' quarters. As a result, it doesn't seem to be able to speak now.

“Buru, Bururu?”

“Uh, it is probably the result of that devil stone. Why this happened, I have no

idea." Tsuchio

"...?" Puru?

"Ah, I didn't show it to you two. Remembered the scream yesterday? I received a devil stone filled with magical power from the principal...however it slipped from my hand and fell to the ground before it broke..." Tsuchio

"Therefore you cried so much.... In fact is that the reason?"Ruu

"Probably, I certainly saw it falling into my shadow. And I saw the black mist absorbed into the ground, but it actually was absorbed by my shadow" Tsuchio

Because it was dark magic, it could be absorbed by my shadow...or did my shadow possess magic.... Well it doesn't matter. What I want to know now is what is this fellow? I will check it later in the library. But first....

"What can you do, I will gain a general understanding. Your shape and the feeling coming from you...I mean by all odds, what kind of magical being are you" Tsuchio

"Koku, Koku?"

"A slimes also form their bodies with magic. So, are you a magic creature or are you not similar." Tsuchio

Can I touch it? ...It is okay, I tamed it. Touching my shadow on which I'm standing feels strange.

I tried to put my hand on the stomach area of my shadow. It was like water.... It looked like it's a monster that attacks with magic. ...Ah, the feeling of the abdomen was strange.... Since it's possibly my shadow, does it also have an influence on my body? However, when I stuffed my hand into its body, it felt quite strange. U—h...there is too little information.

"Good, please show me what you can do" Tsuchio

Saying so, a jet-black rope flew out from my shadow's body towards Lime. Winding around, Lime used a little strength to tear it off at once. Hee, there is also such magic.

"After all, its magic power is small and a little too weak." Tsuchio

"There is no helping it. Has it just been born?" Ruu

"That's right, is its magic power enough to be useful?" Tsuchio

"Soul...though it is Tsuchio's shadow, its height is lower than Tsuchio and its physique is also quite different" Ruu

"Ah, that reminds me.... When it just came out, it was almost like me." Tsuchio

Its height is a bit shorter than mine, but overall it is mellow. Well, since it is my shadow, there is no big difference.

"Well, I will keep it even if it is a spirit, demon or ogre. So first of all, I will apologize to the principal."

"Bururu?"

"No matter the result, I have still already broken that devil stone. Therefore after I apologize, I will show her this shadow."

In the same way as just a while ago, my shadow pointed at me and itself. I have to give it a proper name....

"Excuse me---!!!"

"...What happened, suddenly.."

I entered the principal's office and immediately put my forehead to the floor. In this state, I explained the circumstances and showed Shadow-san to the

principal. For some reason, when it came out, it was kneeling down on the ground like me. Why is it doing that? I don't know why, but then it stood up properly.

"I see. You dropped the devil stone yesterday evening and the magic power inside was absorbed by your shadow.... In fact, you dropped it almost immediately after I handed it to you." Principal

"It slipped...because I played with it inside my hand. By the way, how much magic power was inside the devil stone?" Tsuchio

"I don't know. I kept it in a safe all the time since I picked it up, thus I can't judge...according to my intuition, I think it was a considerable amount." Principal

"Haa.... Thereupon, principal concerning this devil beast, do you know anything?" Tsuchio

"I must/have to say that I don't know what kind of devil beast it is at all. You better ask Sasha-sensei or look in the library." Principal

So I went to ask Sasha-sensei. And I stopped Shadow-san from kneeling down randomly. Hey, let's go!

"Sasha-sensei, I want to ask you something" Tsuchio

"I can hear you, so you don't need to shout.... What is it?" Sasha-sensei

On my way walking from the principal's office to the faculty room, I rushed up to sensei. Sensei was holding several books in her hands again. Did she return from the library?

"Ah, yes. I want to talk in the faculty room" Tsuchio

"Then, give me a minute please" Sasha-sensei

“Yes...okay. Shadow-san please come” Tsuchio

Shadow-san stood up. Giving Shadow-san one book as a trial, it was sucked into its body in a moment. What? It cannot pierce through. When another book was given, it was also sucked into its body. ...Somehow it has become interesting. After that, all the books sensei had were absorbed. Shadow-san's body was like a black hole. Is it similar to Garm?

“Does Sensei know what kind of devil beast it is? For a number of reasons. I tamed it” Tsuchio

“...Perhaps it is a shadow monster. Ghost-type monsters are devil beasts who absorb the life source of creatures by hiding in their shadows. Strangely, there is a lot of magic...in addition, it seemed to be your shadow...” Sasha-sensei

“Yes, I dropped a devil stone on my shadow.... I got it from the principal as a reward for all the trouble. After the magic came out of the stone, it was sucked into my shadow.” Tsuchio

There is nothing new to say, but what was that devil stone...at least I should have appraised it.

“When was that?” Sasha-sensei

“Yesterday evening. When the sun went down.” Tsuchio

“...I see. Well, it probably is a shadow monster. There are a lot of ghost-type devil beasts who are only active at night, but your shadow monster is one of the few who is also active at daytime.” Sasha-sensei

“Hee...so is it usually a human-type in this way?” Tsuchio

“The outline gives the impression that it is thin and tall. This shadow monster has a rather feminine shape.” Sasha-sensei

“Extremely...good.”

My harem candidates increased. Well, I don't know what kind of feeling it'll be.

"Nevertheless, your number of familiars has increased. Your familiars are all considerably strong which is very good." Sasha-sensei

"Eh, what do you mean?" Tsuchio

"Your familiars are too strong when compared to the familiars of others, so there is also a need to keep the balance with other students. Your shadow monster is a devil beast of the lowest rank of ghost type monsters."

"Is it like a slime..."

"Well, it is stronger than a slime. A high-ranking one had also appeared before that was an assassin type."

Take out a target using assassination. Every kind of creature is dangerous when a chance is there. It is likely to grow up easily.

"Uuuh...but it is slightly different.... After all, is it because it's fixed to your shadow...?" Sasha-sensei

"Is it so...hey, Shadow-san. Are you able to separate from me?" Tsuchio

Shadow-san silently separated from me and stopped at a place approximately 5m away. Because she doesn't try to move any more, that might be the limit. My shadow that expanded was also connected with Shadow-san.

"I thought so...a shadow monster can hide inside a shadow and in this way it isn't bound to one shadow. The efficiency of hunting has become remarkably worse." Sasha-sensei

"I guess. Well, the distance becomes longer with growing too probably."

Tsuchio

"Well, you will find out when she grows up. Please raise her properly."

Shadow monster...how does it grow up? Huh, what do I say...my shadow became a devil beast and it seemed strange as expected. When I think one half of my body became a devil beast. Why did it become a female...is it because I dropped the devil stone at night? Perhaps it's the idea of positive and negative. The men and day are positive, while women

and night are negative. Well, the sun is a woman in the case of Shintoism, which is Amaterasu Omikami. As Hiratsuka Raicho said, "Originally, females were the sun." I don't believe in Shinto particularly, but women surely have an image of the night. Ah, it isn't a sexual thing. Isn't a woman with dark features attractive?

Now anyway, I have the duty as a tamer to raise her well. Like Ruu, I will bring her up as a wonderful human-type demon!

After that, I checked the information about Shadow-san in the library. Apparently, ghost-types have moderate strength and are of the lowest rank. Slimes don't seem to be made as a comparative target. Other ghost-types like corpses, zombies, skeletons, skeleton soldiers are summoned with dark magic. Because those devil beasts have no self and intention, it isn't necessary to restrict them with magic. Ah, by the way, they can move even in the daytime. They seem to be weakened to some extent though. Although the Shadow monster is ranked E, there is no change in its threat.

"...Although the rank is low, there is no sign that a creature is really so, thus attention is necessary. Even a C-rank adventurer would be in danger. Fortunately, because the life force of a creature is its food, it is more likely to be safer if I separate with it immediately.... Can't life force be breathed in a little at

a time?" Tsuchio

"That's so. That is quite effective...but when your life is reduced a little, you will notice it. It is an unpleasant feeling" Librarian-san

Behind me reading an illustrated book, Librarian-san stood there before I was aware. Muu, I didn't notice at all.

"Since when were you standing here?" Tsuchio

"I trained in the past. I let it gradually weaken, it's used for torture. Noo... those days were hard" Librarian-san

"Is, Is that so. It was hard..." Tsuchio

Whether it's so...it is someone's meal every day, so it is no use if I do not give my life force! ...Well, there is only me. I cannot let Ruu do it. My familiars will be weakened if it is absorbed from them. I can do it only on holidays so I can do nothing on a day with class.

"Shadow-san, today's meal is my vitality for the time being. And when I sleep to recover, you're not allowed to suck it in" Tsuchio

Shadow-san nodded. It is likely it understood...that it may die if I do a bad job. First of all, let's have it breathe in front of Ruu.

Evening, at the place Shadow-san was my body came to feel heavy, while it absorbed my life. Although Ruu was worried, it seemed I can recover at night somehow.... Absorbing to the very limit...I reserve remembered something a little! It isn't that I could say!

"Did you become full?"

Shadow-san shook its head aside. Well, it is to the extent I can recover at night...until the living being dies, it'll keep breathing actually.

“Is that so...if you suck this much only for now, I won’t die right?”

Shadow-san nodded this time. Then, I have no problem for the time being. When I go on vacation, I will let it breathe in fully.

At dinner time, Shadow-san seemed to receive dinner with me shrewdly and poured it into its body. After hearing it later, even normal meals seemed to be able to extend its life. Say that first! I shouted in my mind while being exhausted on my bed....

Chapter 57: I go to the capital!

The next day after Shadow-san appeared, because the principal, Sasha-sensei and I are going to receive a reward for educating the heroes, we left for the imperial capital. In the first place, it isn't necessary to go personally if they send it.... But there is significance in receiving it directly, therefore the purpose isn't understood well. I really wanted to go sightseeing in the imperial capital, but specifically now I don't need it. Spirit-san said that she will also come to meet me....

“Has Sensei been to the capital before?” Tsuchio

“Of course. Well, there are a lot shops in the capital, but I don't remember it well” Sasha-sensei “Tsuchio wanted to go to the royal library. With our library, is there really that big of a difference?” Principal “That's right, there may possibly be useful information. The entrance fee, how much is it?” Tsuchio “Lets see, how much was it...because it was a long time ago, it seems that I have forgotten it” Principal

For the principal to forget it...was it dozens of years ago?

“It is impolite...if you don't forget trivial things, you wouldn't be able to remember other things”

Such a thing, though it's small talk, we hurry along. Because the number of people is few, we intentionally didn't use a carriage. Because the distance we advance in one day increased, the time is also reduced. I ride on Rin, the principal on a horse and Sasha-sensei on Garm. The distance we advanced with 1 body is short, so we don't seem to lose to a horse if we replace it little by little either. Lime is with me on Rin, while Ruu is flying around. As for Shadow-san, she became my shadow again. I should decide a name for her...but I can't think of a good name easily. Either way, I need to give her a proper name. For now I

call her Shadow-san.

On our journey to the imperial capital, whether it is because of Garm or because it's daytime, no devil beast or thief has attacked us. However, because sensei's Garm returned to her shadow at night, there are night attacks from thieves and devil beasts who overestimated their abilities. Well, they were naturally repelled and became food for Shadow-san. What I understood in these past few days is that the life Shadow-san absorbs seems to be necessary to strengthen her somehow. Even though she absorbed a large amount, it seems she has no limit. Originally I thought she can absorb only as much as she can breath in...but in Shadow-san's case, I can cover the minimum of her meal with me by all means. So all the things that she absorbed from the devil beasts are invested in her growth. It's only a matter of time before she evolves.

And at the evening four days later, we arrived at the imperial capital. Because we were in the neighborhood of the capital and we all didn't want to camp outside, we considerably hurried on the fourth day.

"Somehow, we arrived at the royal capital before sunset. Which inn should we stay at?" Tsuchio "I was told that we can stay today and tomorrow in the royal palace. From the day after tomorrow, we have to get an inn..." Sasha-sensei "The matter of the reward should be finished in the morning. In the afternoon you can do what you want, so let's leave on the morning of the day after tomorrow" Principal "That's fine for me. Originally, I thought that's the plan" Sasha-sensei "It isn't a problem for me, too. For now, I should be able to go to the library" Tsuchio

At the entrance of the imperial capital, the royal palace has already come into my view. It is an excellent castle deserving of being called the royal castle. Well, there is no opportunity to enter anymore, so may I go once? I don't want to see the royal family though.

The imperial capital is surrounded by three walls. First the outside wall, the second wall and then the third wall. Between the first and the second wall is the

commoner district, between the second and third wall is the noble district and at the third wall is the royal palace. At the commoner district, slums seem to spread in the first wall and it is a place where you don't want to stop.

To cross the wall, it is necessary to show your information papers. It doesn't seem to be so severe when you go through the second wall, while the third wall seems to be quite severe.

"Take your information papers out!" Soldier

We just arrived at the gate of the third wall, too. The principal and sensei handed their teacher certificates and I handed my student ID to the guard soldier. It was covered with dust from the drawer it laid in all the time.... It is good that I hadn't lost it.

"Let me see...I'm sorry! Are you really Maxwell..." Soldier

"Yes that's right. These two people are my companions, so let us go through" Principal "Of course! Please, pass!" Soldier

Soldiers saluting with a whack and looked to the side, when we entered the royal palace from the entrance. The inside is like a large garden and various buildings are built in the circumference of the castle. Haa, great....

"We have been expecting you, Maxwell-sama" Arrack-san

When I look around the circumference restlessly, a slender man who wore glasses has spoken to others. What, it is a person who seems to have little luck.

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"If it isn't Arrack. You got a little thin" Principal

“It’s been a long time. I would prefer if you said acquaintance” Arrack “In fact, is Osnyl handing the reward?” Principal

“That’s so and the heroes currently belong to the knight order” Arrack “Is that so. Ah, this is Arrack who is my disciple. Was it just the vice-staff officer of the knight order?” Principal “Nice to meet you. I’m Arrack, vice staff officer of the kingdom’s knight order” Arrack “I’m Sasha. I’m teaching taming at the academy” Sasha-sensei

“I’m Mikado and I’m a student of the academy. Those behind me are my familiars” Tsuchio

Ruu and the others nod. Arrack-san who saw that,

“Excuse me. Mikado-san are you also a tamer?” Arrack

“Yes, but I’m inexperienced and still have a way to go” Tsuchio

“Not at all, because you’re a companion of the heroes, isn’t it beyond one serving? What’s with that mask?” Arrack “In the past, I suffered an injury on my face....I’m sorry, but is it fine with that?”

“Yes, of course. It became considerably dark now, so let’s go inside first of all. I’ll show you the way to the lodging. Because there is a place where you can put your familiars nearby, please bring them there. Well, Will it only be that unicorn or?”

Ruu is almost a human and Lime is a human-type. Uu, I’m sorry Rin, but bear with it for now....

“Ruu and Lime.....You stay in the same room as me” Tsuchio

“Koku”

“...Buru”

“Let’s sleep on the way back together...” Tsuchio

After leaving Rin in the monster stable, I go to the building named lodging.

“This is the place where officials stay overnight, because I often stay up all night. The people living here are all single” Arrack-san “Anyway, will Arrack also live here? Do women associates now stay here?” Principal “I’m not...recently I’ve been busy with various things” Arrack-san

“As the second knight order leader, you have the duty to defend the royal capital. Particularly, you can’t do what you want” Principal “Because documents are accumulated...as the vice staff officer, I can’t let it be so” Arrack-san “That’s not good, it is precipitate on success in life” Principal

“As it is, I won’t get a chance to succeed in life in life...” Arrack-san

Principal and Arrack-san talked about various things. Principal’s student...after all, would be a great person.

“Sensei Sensei, how many knight orders exist? And are the roles different?” Tsuchio “Didn’t you know about it? There are 10 knight orders, the first knight order normally subdue strong devil beasts, but they are now the bodyguards of the heroes. The second knight order defend the peace and order of the royal capital, the third and fourth knight order defend the southern border, the fifth and sixth knight order defend the northern border, the seventh and eighth knight order defend the eastern border and the ninth and tenth knight order defend the western border” Sasha-sensei “Haaa, they are quite large” Tsuchio

“In addition, there is the royal court magician belonging to the magic station. ... I want him to make a tamer department” Sasha-sensei “Is that so...” Tsuchio

I am led to the room of the staff lodgings. Principal and Sasha-sensei, I Ruu and Lime had one room assigned. Because there are several beds equally spaced, I seem to be able to sleep separately from Ruu and Lime.

“You can have your meal at the dining room on the 1st floor, but it isn’t

free..." Arrack-san "Ah, what should I do for the food for my familiars? The dining room probably doesn't sell it" Tsuchio "When you inform the dining hall, I think it can be prepared if it isn't something special. Then, it was a long travel, good bye" Arrack-san

He said so, and Arrack-san left. Then, Shall we eat dinner for the time being?

The next day. Ruu tried to crawl inside my bed at night, however Lime and Shadow-san protected me together, so I was able to sleep well. At night it was Shadow-san's one man show, the reason is that Lime can't see the whole surrounding in the darkness which is her demerit. Although it's an overwhelming disadvantage, she admirably defended my chastity, no, I have already been robbed of it. Because life force is being given to Mr. shadow all the while recently, doing various thing together with Ruu at night is not so healthy. If I have the composure, then I should deal with her properly huh.

The dining hall of the official lodgings had a wide variety with moderate taste and it was cheap above all. It has the feeling of a company cafeteria.

"When you finish breakfast, we'll go to receive the reward immediately"
Principal "From Osnyl-san?" Tsuchio

"If I'm not mistaken, he is the military minister. He is also a student of the principal" Sasha-sensei "Yes, he is the same age as Kisato. He complained that he wanted to appear in the spotlight as well" Principal

Haa, the same age as Kisato. Is he a muscular middle aged man....

"Or more precisely, when Kisato was also her student, then how old is the principal?" Tsuchio "Don't ask a woman for her age" Sasha-sensei

"Eh...sensei, do you not know it?" Tsuchio

"I don't Particularly mind it. Even an elf lives for hundreds of years and it isn't strange" Sasha-sensei

Uuum...She doesn't look like an elf at all. She'd inform me soon what may be

told or isn't it necessary to step from this place?

We who finished breakfast entered the castle with Arrack-san who came to pick us up. I was allowed to take Ruu and Lime with me, so it wasn't necessary for them to wait at the monster stable. As for Rin...well because she is a unicorn I can't take her inside the castle, so she waits alone at the monster stable. After the talk is brought to an end quickly, I must go to meet her. When I went to her to give breakfast, she had a lonely expression in her eyes, which tighten my heart and I needed to tell myself not to worry about it.... Uuu, poor Rin. I'll love her a lot later!

"Ah, Arrack-san! Please guide us!" Tsuchio

"Ha, Haa...this way" Arrack-san

"Hey Mikado. Don't trouble Arrack so much"

"I didn't put it in my shadow, it's inconvenient as expected"

We followed Arrack-san. Going up the stairs from a big hall, we walked through a long corridor and arrived in front of a door. On the wall was a plaque on which military minister room was written.

"It's me Arrack, I brought Maxwell-sama here" Arrack-san

"Oh, she finally came! Enter!" Osnyl-san

A low voice which passes through is being heard well from behind the door. I go inside with the principal and Arrack-san closed the door behind me. In the workroom there is a work desk standing behind a window and shelves with documents that are lined up on the wall. There are no decorations and only things necessary for work are put here.

“Sensei it’s been a long time. I heard the story from Kisato. Is that boy the rumored Tsuchio?” Osnyl-san “Eh, isn’t this Mikado-san?” Arrack-san

“Ah, in front of the heroes, he wears this mask and name himself Mikado. I don’t know for what reason” Osnyl-san “Then, your face isn’t injured...” Arrack-san

“I’m sorry, it is a lie. Well, it’s still a fact that I don’t want to show my face” Tsuchio

Even if I show it to these people, there is no problem. After all, because of the similar features, they wouldn’t think I’m from the different world. Even the principal didn’t notice.

“Should I take off my mask? I only just don’t want to be seen by the heroes” Tsuchio “Yes, it would be better if you can do that” Principal

When I take off my mask, I didn’t know that my face attracts many eyes.

“...You don’t need to particularly hide your face”

“That’s so, however you resemble the heroes a little”

“Gradually, that will be impolite to the heroes”

“It’s rude to Tsuchio-san”

Well, you can compare it to an ikemen face, a trap which doesn’t have the position.

“Then, shall I talk about the reward? From the kingdom, as compensation for teaching the heroes, some money is paid as reward. Please receive it” Osnyl-san

On the work desk, Osnyl-san takes out three small sacks. Money is probably included. The principal received all three and put it away in her bosom.

“Certainly. Does it end with this?” Tsuchio

“Thats right. Well, because we came here with so much effort, you heard the story” Sasha-sensei “Then, let’s associate. What does Sasha do, will you go sight seeing now?” Principal “I intend to do so...” Sash-sensei

“I want to look at the inside of a castle a little...is that fine?” Tsuchio “Well, it will be okay. If you are asked by someone, say you were called by Osuniru” Sasha-sensei/Principal “You aren’t supposed to go too much inside. Don’t approach the places where soldiers guard” Principal “Understood. If it’s seen a little, I’ll go to the town too” Tsuchio If I don’t go quickly to Rin’s place...I won’t be able to look at the inside of the castle...! Maybe I should take Ruu and the other to Rin’s place first?

Chapter 58: Sudden encounter

After seeing off Ruu and Lime at the entrance, I went for a walk in the castle. I wasn't supposed to approach the places where soldiers guard. Particularly I don't want to be arrested, therefore let's follow that rule. I feel sorry for keeping Rin waiting so much, but I will be finished in 1 or 2 hours.

I walk down a long corridor. On the way I passed several people, who only looked at me and didn't ask what I was doing here. Well, my youthful appearance is harmless to humans and animals, so they don't think I'm dubious. Ruu isn't here, so the people don't pay much attention to me!

I temporarily gave up on taking a look at all the places that can be seen in the castle. With the workrooms of each minister and the important secret places there are a few places you can visit in the castle.

I who went out of the royal castle went to the garden that spread around the castle. Each bureau seems to be divided into a respective building in this garden. Well, normally the royal palace is the home of the royal family and administrative buildings won't be put there. Actually, the government office-like buildings that are similar to the ones in Japan are located in the commoner district. The largest part of the population is commoners, therefore it is normal for a noble to go to the commoner district.

Living in the Imperial castle ward are the knight orders and the magic department. Well, I am not too interested in other places, but I want to take look at the magic department, should I also go to the commoner district?

Across the garden, I looked for the building of the magic department. Because

it seems to be a unique building, I think it'll be found immediately.... oh, is that it? On a big 2-story building, the top of a tall tower stood out. A round cylinder is attached to the delta roof. A quite evil magician lives there! that's the feeling I get. Shall I go....

When I enter inside, a woman who seems lazy was laying her shoulder and elbow on the reception desk and was playing with her red hair. The people who were wearing scarlet robes come and go, but the inside can be assumed to be inactive.

The moment when I set foot to enter inside, an explosion suddenly echoed through the building and shook it from the impact. When I went out in a hurry, there was a hole in the second floor and black smoke was rising from there. Bricks the size of an adult's fist are scattered around the area and they tell of the intensity of that explosion.

"Ah, you over there, are you alright? A fragment of a brick didn't hit you?"
Red-haired woman

"No, I'm fine, but...you aren't surprised" Tsuchio

"That happens every day. At first I was really surprised, but now I'm used to it" Red-haired woman

The lazy woman from the reception desk came out to the entrance. Daily... well, if they can withstand it. The people causing this explosion are the researchers.

"Is the building okay?" Tsuchio

"Because it has auto-restoration on it, it'll recover immediately rather than a wink. Look" Red-haired woman

Ms. Receptionist pointed to the bricks, that rose and returned to their original place. Auto-restoration is convenient.

“Thereupon, what is your business? I haven’t seen your face before” Red-haired woman

“E, Emm...I’m a tour applicant!” Tsuchio

“Tour? Was that a joke? Haa!? By any chance are you a spy who came to steal a technique!?” Red-haired woman

“No No, it’s different! Look, this is my student ID of the royal academy! I was summoned by Osnyl-san!” Tsuchio

What is up with this person, does she think badly of everyone she doesn’t know!? This is the first time I have seen such a person!

“What you’re a guest of the military minister? Your student ID is also real... however what do you expect from this visit? There isn’t much to see, because there are military secrets just in case” Red-haired woman

“That’s right...looking for place I can visit, are there some places?” Tsuchio

“Umm, corridor...ah, you can go to the test site! It isn’t something you can imitate just by seeing it, but it won’t be a problem for a student of the royal academy” Red-haired woman

Oh, a test site. It seems to surely be interesting. I mean, what is with that corridor? Without a test site, it is approximately 0 right?

“Then follow me, I will guide you” Red-haired woman

“No, you can’t leave the reception. You don’t know if someone will come”

Tsuchio

“It’s okay, anyway there is a limit to the people who will come. Besides I’m not a receptionist. Because I was free, I substituted for the real receptionist. Though nobody came” Red-haired woman

Saying so, she put on a scarlet robe which was hung on the chair. After all, that’s the proof of a court magician.

“Hey, follow me” Red-haired woman

“Then, if you insist” Tsuchio

What kind of magic does this person study...it’ll probably be attack magic. So, is there anyone studying talisman art, I want to know more about it.

The red haired woman walked to the back of the magic department. An empty lot was spreading there. The turf that was growing around and was groomed perfectly was arranged beautifully, There is a tea kid, and the soil here is bare.

A large flame tornado is suddenly generated in the empty lot. Burning the air, I who should be quite far away can feel the heat.

The tornado which was swirling just like that begins to warp after a few minutes and collapsed before it exploded.

Because a fireball befalls us, I took a defensive stance and was about to throw a talisman to prevent it with an earth wall, but a water wall was formed and protected us. Speed casting!? The chances of it being without a chant is small!

“It is totally as extreme as ever...think about the surroundings a little” Red-haired woman

“Ah, is that group magic? The range was quite big” Tsuchio

Because it covered the empty lot...it may be 10m or more in diameter?

“No, that’s ordinary magic. Such a thing cannot be a group magic” Red-haired woman

“Eh, serious?” Tsuchio

“Thats natural. It will be someone who studied the efficiency of magic” Red-haired woman

“What kind of study is that?” Tsuchio

“...Well, how shall I say? Without chanting the magic, you make an image of it. It changes by an individual, but all who study imagining it are able to give average power” Red-haired woman

“Hee, like that one?” Tsuchio

“Rather, we can’t compare a court magician with a general soldier...rather than making an image of it from the beginning, the acquisition speed being absolutely faster is the cause of doing such a thing. Even if I don’t use the incantation, the magic consumption can also be reduced in other ways” Red-haired woman

“I see” Tsuchio

This study seems to be useful. How to make an image...if I am not mistaken, there seems to be such magic, which Kurumi from the heroes talked about before. So she teleported with that.

“Hush, that’s great...to cast such magic as a single individual” Tsuchio

“Well, it’s a court magician. The decrease in magic power is proportionate to the range, that way I can also add power. It must be done or there is no meaning to study” Red-haired woman

The severe world...naturally it is possible at that level.

“What, isn’t that the talisman woman” brown-haired man

A voice is coming from the front. When he’s seen, he is a brown-haired man who has a cane with a red jewel and is walking towards us. ...Now what, who is talisman woman!?

“Not needing to research, did it stagnate considerably? Ah, because your budget isn’t granted, you can’t do it!” brown haired man

“...Be quiet. It doesn’t matter” Red-haired woman

“Not good, a dropout like you as a court magician disgraces its name. Anyway no one uses talisman art and there is no necessity to research it“Study talisman art!?” there is no one else too...” Brown-haired man

“Ye, Yes. Well, the budget is small because it’s not used very much and it is the section by the window...”

What the heck! A talisman is an ideal curse tool for a poor guy! It isn’t something which you can make a fool of just because it’s the minority!

“Why didn’t you use it?” Tsuchio

“If it’s seen from the aspect of power, a cane has an overwhelmingly higher effect. As for the advantages of talismans, it isn’t only the fact that the incantation can be omitted. For a person who can use no aria magic and aria abbreviation magic, the advantage is also lost” Red-haired woman

Ah, is it so.... My magic, it's because the onmyoji's ever-changing ghost is made from an image. Because I actually watched animes and read mangas, I can image it clearly, however I haven't met a similar person in this world. I mean, what kind of feeling does talisman art originally have in this world?

"Hey kid, the research of that talisman woman doesn't matter to you. So go play somewhere else" Brown-haired man

"I'm not an outsider! I also use talisman art. I cannot overlook this terrible treatment" Tsuchio

The talisman woman looked at me with her perfectly round eyes absentmindedly and she just grabbed my arm.

"Really!? You use talisman art!? I won't forgive you if you're lying!" Red-haired woman

"It is true! Hush, that there is a person who uses talisman art as a court magician, that is surprising" Tsuchio

"...liyosshaaaa!!!" Red-haired woman

She takes my hand and swung it up and down. Eh what? Did she wanted to meet another talisman art user that much?

"If it's known that there is an academy student who is using talisman art, then the budget will certainly be increased, too! The research will also continue!" Talisman woman

"Ha, Haa. That's good" Tsuchio

"You deserve the credit! If you didn't come to the magic department, my research would have been frozen as it is! Thank you!" Talisman woman

“No, you’re welcome!” Tsuchio

Ah, what is it, but it has become fun. After I settle myself down, too, I turned to the talisman woman. At the moment the talisman woman’s feet are floating, then the rotation accelerated. When I fly on Ruu to turn in the air we need to do a maneuver to move forward...and although it is reduced by magic, something hard is hard. My semicircular canals have been strengthened from it.

“Wait a minute, I still have no conclusive evidence that you can truly use talisman arts. Even if you can use talisman arts, if you don’t have any ability, it will be useless” Unpleasant guy

“What a troublesome guy. Well then, how much ability do you need?”
Tsuchio

“That’s so...only you and I are talisman art users, so can you have a mock battle together with me to defeat him? Because he is an imperial court magician, it isn’t impossible” Talisman woman

What is it, he’s troublesome.... Particularly there would be no necessity to do a mock battle...right?

“Emm, is it necessary to do a mock battle?” Tsuchio

“...I cannot surely assert that there is no need. You can’t even do the basic steps, so it is of no great value. How much ability do you have, it’s a problem, isn’t it...” unpleasant guy

My duty isn’t quite important.... I am in trouble, because there is no target for comparison, I don’t understand my ability.

“What are you going to do? If you want me to reopen the research of your

talisman art, you must beg that kid to do a simulation war" unpleasant guy

"...please as a similar talisman art user. It is strange for me, but please fight with me together" Talisman woman

Muu...for me it would be a problem if the study of talisman arts is frozen. There is still some time until noon...well it is a good chance to confirm their strength. If it's to the extent that I can help a little, I wouldn't be able to have an eye on anyone in particular.

"Understood. I will do it" Tsuchio

"Thank you. Are you ready?" Loreen

"Anytime" Tsuchio

"Good. I'm also ready so shall we do it here?" Loreen

"Yes, only in this test field. As for the signal...hey you! Please judge this mock battle!" Tsuchio

From the magicians that just came to the test site, I ask for an umpire. In that way, the talisman woman and I stood opposite to that unpleasant guy.

"That unpleasant guy did he study attack magic?" Tsuchio

"Yes. Unfortunately, his capability as magician is quite high" Loreen

"And you?" Tsuchio

"To such a person, I would lose immediately! Show him the pride of using talisman art" Loreen

"Yes. ...My name is Tsuchio" Tsuchio

"I'm Loreen. Again, my best regards. Because we didn't know each other until now, we have no choice but to mix together while fighting him" Loreen

"I have no alternative but to do it...that fellow, is he a typical magician?

“Shooting magic from the side” Tsuchio

“Is it so. Ah, I’m middle range. Because it is talisman art, when it’s too far, I know that it doesn’t reach” Loreen

“I understand. By the way I’m close and middle range. Don’t assign me to the back” Tsuchio

“I can’t do such a thing.... I’ll explain it simply, my talisman art is only for support. I’m good at traps and body strengthening, what about you Tsuchio?” Loreen

“I have only attack talismans...therefore I trust you with the support. I will disturb that fellow continually so that he can’t chant magic” Tsuchio

“Hey can we start already!?” Court magician

“We can start anytime!” Tsuchio

A mock battle with the royal court magician...it is a rare opportunity, so shall I do my best for the development of talisman arts.

Chapter 59: Court magician vs 2 Talisman art user

For the study budget for Loreen-san's research, I shall show this unpleasant man what I'm truly capable of. Even if things start heading in a bad direction, that unpleasant guy is a court magician and even he should be considerably skilled. I can't despise him for whatever happens.

"Hey, talisman woman. Don't you have to prepare first? I'll wait" Unpleasant guy

"Oh, you're calm and composed. Then, if you insist" Talisman woman

Loreen-san stuck talismans on my neck and back. Magical power spread from there and I feel my perception expanding, when the power that dwells in my body and the magical power is combined.

"First of all, I applied body reinforcement and perception reinforcement on you. Because it accelerates your thoughts plenty, I think you wouldn't be able to follow what's happening in your usual state. Because you become sensitive to magical power changes, I think you will be able to sense this guy's movements and follow them" Loreen

"Hee...it is entirely different from mine. Loreen will you fight at the front too?" Tsuchio

"With that fellow as an opponent, it will be dangerous if I'm in the rear.... Hey, pose. So that I'll (be able to) see Tsuchio's talisman art" Loreen

"Hahaha, I don't know whether this royal court magician is satisfied...well, I will go for it with full strength!" Tsuchio

Moving my body lightly, I confirm how much it has been strengthened. I don't like I've become much faster...because my perception is strengthened, too, I don't feel that I changed very much.

"Are you ready already? Then, please give the signal" Unpleasant guy

"Ye, Yes! Well then...start the match!" Referee (Another court magician)

With the signal, we run and the unpleasant guy fires a great deal of fireballs and delivers a barrage. I release fire bees and made them crash into the barrage. The bees are separated into 2 directions, the first group makes a hole in the barrage and the second group plunges into the unpleasant guy through the hole.

“Na!?” unpleasant guy

He didn't seem to think that his barrage would be broken through so suddenly, therefore he was really surprised. However he deals with it accurately. He creates walls with no chanting immediately and the fire bees which come flying collide with it head on and explode. It is hard...he is by no means beaten by the fire bees.

While the sight of our opponent has been lost from the explosion of the fire bees, I throw talismans to the ground and create earth pillars, which thrust and extend towards the unpleasant guy. They will be prevented by the wall which prevented the attack of the fire bees, therefore I move them so that the opponent may be enclosed just as it is and he doesn't have time to attack.

“Good, just like that, he can't move! 5 seconds!” Loreen

“I know...!? Something is coming!” Tsuchio

With the unpleasant guy as the center, a great explosion occurred and the earth pillars are blown off. I retreated and ran away from the explosion quickly, so that the unpleasant guy will have no chance to attack me.... Shit...I mean, what are 5 seconds?

“I think that he isn't an amateur...however he doesn't come to show himself!” Tsuchio

“You said it well! Although I devoted myself to defense! I made you wait, Tsuchio. Is it possible to move him!?” Loreen

“If it is something to let him evade, I will try it!” Tsuchio

“I won't let you do so!” Unpleasant guy

The unpleasant guy sets a heat wave free in the neighborhood. The red wave which approached immediately is defended by the rock snakes I produced and

have become a shield. Temporarily 4 are made, one as my guard and the remaining three to charge at the unpleasant guy.

“So what is that! A devil beast or a monster!?” Unpleasant guy

The unpleasant guy shot a compressed water bullet out and crushed the snakes. However the snakes which reproduce immediately, continue their attack. Should I add another two?

I throw talismans right in front of the unpleasant guy and also make the snakes attack from the back to make a pincer attack. The unpleasant guy who was preoccupied with the snakes in front avoided them by gliding to the side on the ground. Good he moved!

“It worked!” Tsuchio

“Yes, now leave it to me!” Loreen

In the circumference of Loreen many talismans rise and when she swings her arms, they are landing exactly in front of the unpleasant guy who stopped moving now and spread around him. They explode at the same time. Oh, will he die....

“If it’s this much, he won’t die !” Loreen

At the time the explosion cleared, there was the unpleasant guy protecting himself against the explosion with a semi transparent dome. Muu, although it was a considerable explosion...his defense was much stronger. Because it’s simple, it’s a strong defense technique. However that wasn’t all of Loreen’s attack. Talismans were developed so that they might enclose the dome in the air. They are connected by rays and stick to the dome. The high-density magic is cracked and smoke with intense light is emitted.

“How! With this, I shouldn’t be attacked!” Unpleasant guy

“Dont underestimate me!” Loreen

A tortoise shell design enters the dome and explodes suddenly. Every talisman which was in the neighborhood vanished. However at that moment a magic bullet is shot at Loreen, but she defended against it by arranging her explosion talismans in front of her.

“Such dirty magic! it’s bad if it’s not a strong magic you know!” Loreen

“That’s the howling of a loser! I will win against you...” Unpleasant guy

Because they were speaking about something unrelated, I established a special talisman in the sky. I’ll have the snakes bite from every direction, so that this unpleasant guy will have no chance to avoid it.

“Tsuiraku Chiyo!” Tsuchio (TL note: this is the Japanese name of this technique, translated it would mean forever crashing/falling. So I want to know if it is okay to let the names in Japanese if they sound stupid in English or shall I find another name for it)

“Naa, shit!” Unpleasant guy

A wall appears on the head of the unpleasant guy and it collides with my special talisman head on and sparks are created. He put a good amount of magic power in his wall, therefore I am gradually pushed back. But that will be fine. If his defense is concentrated in one place, other places are negligent!

“Loreen!”

“I understand!”

Rock snakes, earth pillars, fire bees and explosion talismans surround the unpleasant guy. Even if my special talisman is pushed back, he cannot defend anymore in time. It is checkmate with this.

“...Tch, I surrender. It is my defeat” Unpleasant guy

“Hmm then, the budget goes to the study of Loreen with this” Tsuchio

“It isn’t me who decides that. Well, I will say that you two beat me. Then more or less it may be reconsidered” Unpleasant guy

Did we avoid the crisis of the talisman art by this? Hush, Loreen’s talisman support was quite good. It’s easy to avoid your enemy’s attack with perception reinforcement. There is also such a way to use it.

“...Hey kid, what’s your name?” Unpleasant guy

“It’s Tsuchio” Tsuchio

“So, is that snake a devil beast?” Unpleasant guy

“It is different, it is a talisman technique” Tsuchio

“...Hmmm. The last attack was quite good, keep going and improve your skills” Unpleasant guy

After I say so, the unpleasant guy left the test site. Did he praise me at the end? He should have changed his recognition for talisman art a little....

“Bedda! What! The last attack was quite good! He only disrespects our talisman art!” Loreen

“Well well, isn’t it okay? He recognized it a little” Tsuchio

“Huh, is that so. Leaving that aside, what are those snakes and bees!” Loreen

“What, they are talisman techniques. I modeled them after creatures. That reminds me, those explosion talismans, how did you transfer them?” Tsuchio

“I used transfer magic on the talismans, in order to set a trap properly, however they were all baked by the heat wave of that fellow...” Loreen

Ah, at that time. Even my rock snake was baked by the heat wave.

“Ah, the budget should also be granted with this. I mean, I won’t let them take it down even by force” Loreen

“Please do your best. However, is it okay that you’re alone here?” Tsuchio

“It’s fine, because the important fact is that talisman art won against that guy. Even that, he has a high status in the department” Loreen

“Hee, that person...” Tsuchio

Because force is involved, she can manage it.

“Then, I will leave now too. Please do your best with your research” Tsuchio

“Thank you very much for fighting together with me in the mock battle. Tsuchio try to study hard too” Loreen

“Yes, if there is a chance again” Tsuchio

By the way, shall I go meet Rin now? I hope she isn’t angry....

“Emm, are you angry?” Tsuchio

“...Buru”

The moment I arrived at the monster stable, it was just around lunch time. Rin talked with Ruu and Lime about something, but looks the other way as soon as I came in. Even when I speak to her, she doesn't answer.

"Tsuchio, you're slow. Rin was waiting the whole time for you" Ruu

"My bad, there were various things..." Tsuchio

"Mou...look, she has completely sulked. What did you do?" Ruu

"What should I do...Rin, tell me if you want to do something" Tsuchio

"...Bururu"

"Eh, that's enough?" Tsuchio

"Buru"

"If Rin wants to do it, that's fine...then, shall we do it at once?" Tsuchio

I leave the royal capital on Rin's back we travel on the highway. Rin wanted to travel with me. It looks like travel but we run with full strength. I feel the blowing wind with my body while being jolted on Rin's back. Because it is still daytime, it is comfortable.

"Which reminds me, this is the first time for me and you to travel in this way" Tsuchio

"Buru, Burururu"

"Is that so...you should have said so before" Tsuchio

The whole time, she wanted to run only with me alone.... I didn't notice it at all. If saying so, there are no cases that I talked with Rin so much. Though we talked as much as possible...many talks did not continue. Perhaps, because she behaves like a baby....

"It is cool...I always flew on Ruu, but it isn't bad to run on Rin" Tsuchio

"Bururu"

"Hmm, it will be more comfortable in the morning. If Rin wants to run, say it anytime. When there is time, let's run together" Tsuchio

"...Buru?"

“It is good, Rin let’s take time excessively. Because you are the youngest, no the second I forgot Shadow-san, it isn’t necessary to be reserved” Tsuchio

“Bururu...”

“As for a girl to be slightly selfish, is just fine. It’s because even I’m lonely when Rin isn’t dependent at all. Or don’t you want to fawn on me?” Tsuchio

“Buru! Buruuu!”

“Then do not be reserved. Ruu and Lime have a stronger desire to monopolise me, so if you do nothing, I’ll be stolen away” Tsuchio

Well, I don’t think it’ll become like that. I myself think that favoritism is bad. If everyone is good to each other, then they are also bad. Therefore my love is philanthropy! I don’t know whether it is a good thing....

“Good, Rin you can accelerate! Become the winndd!!!”

“Buruu!!!”

As a result of having run around the royal capital in that condition, we came back just before sunset. ...Ah, I forgot to go to the royal library. Well, I wouldn’t mind if it’s for Rin!

“...” NikkoNiko

“...” Zununununu!

So that’s the result for leaving Ruu and Lime behind.... They were waiting for us to return, gogogogogoo!!! Seeing them, Ruu had a smile on her face, but it was Lime who was covered with dark magic. At least Rin isn’t the same! I thought so, while Rin also escaped to the monster stable heartlessly. That workhorse ! Won’t she eat horse food already.

To calm Ruu and Lime down, I have to sleep with those two tonight. Lime is there, so I won’t be attacked.... I’m safe.

“Good grief, why did Tsuchio-boya cause such an uproar...” Principal

“He is a problem child” Sasha-sensei

“Eh what do you mean?” Tsuchio

At dinner, I was treated like a problem child by the principal and Sasha-sensei.

As for saying such a thing...there was only the mock battle.

"If it's about the mock battle, it was approved by both sides. I cannot fall silent when the study of talisman art seemed to be frozen" Tsuchio

"Come to think about it, Tsuchio-boya is using talisman art. Hush, although there are few people to spend much money on, it is too much to freeze the study. There is no development without a study" Principal

"It was rumored variously, that the first ranked court magician lost against two talisman art users. And that a big rock snake was seen" Sasha-sensei

"Oooh, it was seen.... Well, it is good particularly. Comparing it with someone such as the best court magician isn't possible" Tsuchio

If it's compared with that flame tornado, then snakes look like an earthworm. ... When you're far from there, you'll only feel awe. If the unpleasant person was serious, we would be charred in no time.

"...Well, you should think so. Look, here's your reward money. take care of it properly. Because we'll be rising early tomorrow, sleep well" Principal

"Okay" Tsuchio

We seem to be leaving in a few days...I want the summer holidays to come quickly. As for the royal library...next time.

Chapter 60: Girls talk?

Late at night when Tsuchio was fast asleep, several shadows which have just gotten away rise a little. Those are Ruu and the others. The garms change the midnight watch with them and today it's the watch of the Garms. Only when an enemy has come would they go out of the shadow and repulse them. Well because a barrier was put out, no devil beasts is approaching.

『Good, Rin-chan. You can run with father now. That's the only way you could have father see you all the while.』Lime "Well, even if there is no helping it because you were in the monster stable all the time.... Indeed I didn't even think that you wouldn't return until evening" Ruu 『Rin-chan, you took father and ran away alone. Huhuhu, including your share of father, are you angry now?』Lime 『Th, there is no helping it! Because I witnessed such a scary Lime for the first time! Ruu's eyes weren't laughing either! Tactical retreat!』

The reason Ruu and the others were talking in the middle of the night is because they don't want Tsuchio to hear their talk. A so-called Girls talk. Tsuchio doesn't understand demon language, however he understands what they say. With 『』Lime and Rin's words are translated into human language. Normally Lime shakes her body and Rin says Burururu.

『I wanted to be alone with Tsuchio therefore we ran around, because I'm always in a monster stable all the time!』Rin "That's right" Ruu

『That's so, isn't it』Lime

Ruu is looking at Rin with lukewarm eyes. It isn't that it began now that Rin isn't obedient, what she meant is that it was so since they met for the first time. Rather she has become quite soft.

『Wh, what's with those eyes that's like one of a boy who is teasing the one he loves』

"It isn't an appropriate expression" Ruu

『Father would say that you look like a tsundere.... Always cold and sometimes you behave like a baby he says』Lime 『When did he say that I behave like a

baby!』Rin 『To intentionally make father feed you your meal directly, doesn't it mean that you behave like a baby?』Lime 『Wh, Why that.... Lime, you weren't there at that time!』Rin 『This one is a required skill of a young girl, the art of tricking I must feign ignorance properly』Lime 『You were deceiving me!?』Rin

『No, I didn't deceive you. I look at father all the time』Lime Lime separates a part of her body. Rin who saw it has a red hot face and looked away.

“Lime...your monitoring is useless. I wouldn't even want to be seen by Tsuchio” Ruu 『And what about Nee-sans love affair?』Lime

Tension is built up between Ruu and Lime. Rin takes some distance from these two out of fear from being involved. A shadow is standing between these two, it is Shadow-san.

“What's the matter? ...Because Tsuchio might get up, you came to stop this fight?” Ruu 『It's already late at night. Can you guys do it next time?』Shadow-san “Oh well, we will be travelling a long distance tomorrow” Ruu The air relaxes quickly. Rin throws up a big sigh and Shadow-san returns to Tsuchio's shadow smoothly.

『Good grief...don't quarrel』Rin

“It isn't a quarrel particularly. It is like a slight cat fight” Ruu 『It isn't even close to a quarrel? I don't do that so that father won't feel sad』Lime “As long as my happiness comes first” Ruu

『Why, it's so.... Haa, I'm going sleep now』Lime

“Good night Rin” Ruu

『Good night』Rin

And like that, the night advanced forward.

Chapter 61: Summer Holidays in the capital and the north

At the spring of my second year the heroes appeared, I participated in a war and was often involved in big affairs. I thought of these things while packing my luggage for the summer holidays which starts today.

After having received my reward money, I studied very hard every day. Is it strange that Loreen started her new post as a teacher of talisman arts in the academy? To increase the number of people using talisman arts, she seemed to have suggested this intentionally on her own. Loreen is a beautiful woman and a royal court magician, therefore her popularity among the students is high. It is astonishing that more boys called her elder sister than girls. That's why a lot of students took her class and came to use talisman arts so she doesn't need to worry about it going extinct. I'm happy that she teaches in the academy because I wanted to learn Loreen's talisman arts too. Nevertheless I wanted to know if her research is all right and she said: "I'm not an alchemist, therefore I can study everywhere. Although money is necessary" Loreen This line is so reliable and manly. Loreen is cool! If she said, that she would give up her study what would happen then?

As for Shadow-san's growth...oh it is going well/progressing smoothly. Her form looks like Lime but more human-like. The burden and magical power of Shadow-san increased, too, and the magic range is plenty, too. Normally an increase in magic means evolution...but because her form did not change much, it didn't really feel like she evolved. Shadow-san is like Rin, whose basic form didn't change. Now she can separate from me till 50m, that's why solo action seems to be possible, too. However the best characteristic of Shadow-san lies elsewhere. It means that she regularly shares her magical power with me. Even if I say sharing magic, it isn't like Ruu which involve pleasure. Surprisingly saying so...is this the natural feeling of sharing magic? I don't feel it exactly. When fighting together, even if we didn't consult, there was no stagnation in our cooperation. It was so natural, that I wasn't surprised....

And recently Shadow-san is very close with Ruu. Because both of them are ragged when they return, are they fighting against strong monsters? Well it is nice that they're on good terms. It isn't a bad thing, so I don't mind it.

And since now Rin and Lime didn't evolve. Well, I concentrated my power on the upbringing of Shadow-san. Because we can't go on an outing, there are also few chances to fight against strong devil beasts....

As for Ruu...she is working hard diligently.... I have to study, therefore I can't stay up very late. Well, I feel enriched, but tired.

Rin also seems to have lost her reservation finally, and running in the morning seems to have become a daily routine for us already. We run around the academy, but when summer comes it becomes hot, but it's not too hot like in Japan, so the season now is perfect. After all, I don't like winter so much.... Is there a magic to protect against the cold?

Finally it is summer vacation. Kisato-san also invited me this time, so I thought that we should go to Danze island where I can meet Spirit-san.

『E, Emm...It is slightly inconvenient this year...』Tsuchio

『Ah, is that so? After all it is serious in various ways when people increase』Spirit-san 『U, Uh-huh, that's probably so. Because it should end next year, I will come as soon as I have time』Tsuchio 『I see, please do your best』Spirit-san

『I am doing my best. Oh, communication is entirely possible』Tsuchio
Therefore I decided to go from the capital to the north this summer holiday. I want to take a look at the library which I wasn't able to go to last time and there seems to be many strong devil beasts living in the north. The invasion of the devil beasts didn't happen since that war and it became a waiting game again. Usually you should press on the attack in such time quickly.... That's why I don't really understand the thoughts of the devil beasts behind the attack that well at all.

First of all, I am going to go to the fortress after staying in the castle town for a few days. The army isn't really active there, but strong and experienced adventurers seem to be. It is highly popular because the materials from the northern devil beasts are traded at a high price. The fortress north is undeveloped. (Though the great antiquity was a territory in the country

somewhere)なので, It is not possible to go too far.

“At last we arrived at the capital, as I thought it’s far”

“Now, we will stay here for 3 days okay? It takes 1 week with a carriage and with the principal it took 4 days. Because of that we will advance on the dawn of the third day”

“...” Purupuru

“Oh, a close turn? When there is my student ID, it will be okay”

“Buru”

“As for shadow-san...can I take her out? Okay, let’s advance”

With my student ID, I was able to enter the capital without a problem in particular, which is great. First things first, let’s look for an inn before going to the library. For now, I’ll also go to the guild this time. After all they would tell me a inn with a monster stable. Well it’s only Rin who stays in the monster stable this time and an ordinary inn may also be fine depending on the price. Because Rin can also stay in a horse stable.

The adventurer guild in the royal capital is on the edge of the north side and outside of the 2nd wall where most of the people gather at the commoner district. Because I confirmed it before, it won’t be hard to find. I don’t want to be tangled in something, that’s why I’ll check and return quickly. Well, there is no reason to be able to get twisted up...though Ruu is a little doubtful, because she is a beauty.

We entered the imperial capital from the south gate, so even if we hurry it takes time to go to the guild on the north side. It isn’t possible to fly through the sky either.... Let’s walk slowly while looking at the stores around.

We took around one hour to finally arrive at the guild. On the way, I saw a lot of interesting stores, but I remembered their places because it was necessary to find an inn first. Oh, I want to look at them quickly....

“Okay Ruu. You mustn’t act violent from this even if we picked a quarrel with an adventurer. If the other side starts the fight, then you don’t have to hold back” Tsuchio “Is it useless when returning it before it is done?” Ruu

“Yes, don’t fight back. You can do it only, when your arm is grasped or you are touched in strange places. When something like this is done, you don’t need to hold back” Tsuchio “I understood and I’m sorry if I fail” Ruu

I open the door which is like the doors of a salon in a western movie and enter the guild. A bar is added and many people gathered here together. Are all of them doing an event or what is it? Because most people in the guild gathered together, the worry that I’m involved also becomes little. I will finish business quickly.

“Excuse me, I’m looking for an inn for tamers...” Tsuchio

“For tamers? How many days will you stay?” Receptionist

“3 days. Isn’t there a place with a moderate price?” Tsuchio

“In that case you need to walk the street right in front of the guild towards the north a little, the spotted puppy bower is recommended. Although it isn’t cheap, they are kind and the dishes are delicious, too” Receptionist “I see, then I’ll go there. Thank you very much. That reminds me what is with that uproar?” Tsuchio Because it is so noisy, there must be a moderate reason, too...they won’t be excited of a drinking competition “Ah, that is.... A woman who appeared suddenly some time ago made a bet with the adventurers. She bet money if she wins in arm wrestling and she takes all the money which they have. There weren’t many bets of money at the beginning because they thought she is only a woman.... Natural while winning and advancing one after another, the bets also increased. And gradually the uproar became larger because all C-rank adventurer lost” Receptionist “Don’t you need to stop them?” Tsuchio

“If they settled their gambling, the guild doesn’t interfere. However it is indeed stopped when it becomes a battle commotion” Receptionist They won’t interfere as long as you don’t cause trouble. ...It is all right if I take a quick look.

“Ah, she distributed this paper. It’s written variously”

She says so and the receptionist shows me a piece of paper. Such sentences were written there.

/Summit

I'm a travelling martial arts master.

While I'm making a long journey, my travel funds run out.

That's all for the money on hand.

This bet, the losing condition is, me, defeated in arm wrestling.

Winning is opposite. Depending on ability, it would be possible to win.

What are these strange sentences. Even if you don't say the condition of victory or defeat, it would be understood. Also also not only the word endings is strange, if I go with the flow, it would be like this right. There are some different aims, and you should think these sentences have some hidden meaning...or is it?

"Everyone don't keep it in mind. I am told to show it to everybody for the time being directly, so everyone can read it directly. It's also on the bulletin board..." Receptionist After all there is some aim. It wouldn't be so, if it isn't told to show it purposely.

...Ah, that's how it is. Though it is hard to see a little, it is a simple code if you open the cover. Rather than the code, it may be a problem of the way to read.

I should report it to the Knight order if it is true what is written here. Well, can I trust it? When it's so, I have no choice but to handle it. Haa, why will I be rolled up in something so troublesome.... I quickly go to the inn...now that it has been found, it can't be ignored. Well, what appears in this way expressly, is a method to have someone find it out. I don't know whether they are friendly, but may I consider that there is no intention to fight against each other?

"Tsuchio, what's the matter? Was there something interesting in these sentences?" Ruu "Yes...a misunderstanding or accident is good. Ruu there is someone making a bet there. I want you to have a arm wrestling match with him." Tsuchio "Okay, I'll win by all means. This is the best way to quickly earn money" Ruu "Ah, no. Money is not separately necessary. The fellow making the bet has a little business" Tsuchio "Saying so, are you acquaintances?" Ruu

"No, it isn't like that.... I want to talk a little" Tsuchio

"Understand, I only need to win!" Ruu

“Well, it isn’t necessary for you to win. For now you should be able to talk”
Tsuchio We say so and go through the crowd. At the center, one man and woman catch each other’s arm and look angrily at each other. A dark skinned skinhead and a blond haired woman with red eyes and porcelain white skin. Her ears are a little sharp, but they match her beauty while she charms a lot of people, because she is an elf. A bellicose and fierce smile appear on her face. It lets you feel a chill running through your back and resembles a carnivore. The feeling may be slightly similar to Ruu....

“Then...start!”

The hand of the skinhead is flung against the desk at the same time as the referee gives the signal to start. The desk cracks probably because it was flung many times and white smoke rose because of friction going up from the hand.

“Uuuuuu!!! Shit I lost!!!”

“Thank you for your challenge, I get all the money you bet. Oh, you are not my enemy!”

Oohoohooho! The woman laughs loudly. Incredible...a person whom laughing loudly suits is seen for the first time.

“Acy, has strong arm Alex lost too?”

“That woman is a monster! Beating 25 people like this!”

“Hey you go try it”

“Even for a B-ranker it is impossible”

Humu, I think that she is profiting fairly well. A pile of coins is piled up on the desk aside.

“Isn’t there a fierce player who wants to challenge me!? Everyone is good!”

Okay, it is necessary to go to the other side to challenge her.

“No, it is great. He probably is a B-rank? Even with how arm wrestling matches are, it’s still wonderful to win!”

“Huhuhu, It is too much! Well? For me these kinds of things are side jobs!”

“She really is a demon! I’m serious you are a demon!”

“...Humu. So do you merely came for banter? Then go somewhere else quickly because you are obstructive”

A small reaction. It may be pulled here, I'd like someone to give a push.

“No No, we have come to arm-wrestle neatly. Though it is her who is doing it”
Tsuchio “Hee...okay, come at me seriously”

Ruu throws the stake on the desk and grasps her hand. I don't know how far her abilities are, but I will see it now. I'm doing it seriously.

Chapter 62: Arm Wrestling woman

Two beauties glare at each other while grabbing each other's arms, one of them is a blond elf and the other is a dragon girl with bloodshot eyes. When you see this, it is a very attractive scene. The hand of that elf is smooth while Ruu's hand is violent. Even a glass would break in Ruu's hand so that many humans who see her lost their pride.

"I don't understand why she is so serious!" Ruu

"I understand it. Ruu I leave it to you" Tsuchio

"Yes, I can't be defeated by such a hag who is dressing to be younger" Ruu

"...What did you say?" Blond girl

Oh, why does this blond girl have a blue vein on her forehead?

"I don't understand why she is so serious!" Ruu

"Hohoho, it is not good what you said. I am in my twenties..." blond girl

"x10, No multiplied by 15?" Ruu

"What are you talking about, you shitty child!" Blond girl

The surroundings fell silent with this scene. The blond haired girl breathed out from her nose roughly, before she looked down once and had the same expression as just now immediately.

"I'm sorry for showing such an unsightly face. I am still in my twenties for a human because I'm an elf" Blond girl

"Well if you say so? Then once again, let's settle this" Ruu

Both girls look angrily at each other again and enhance their concentration. Good, then....

"Game start!"

The magic of these two as well as the sign of the start rise quickly and a violent wind rages around the desk. A creak is heard when their arms are raised and at the place where their elbows are the desk sunk. Cho, suddenly using full

force with all efforts!? Although I expected it, it is unexpectedly intense!

“Huuuuu...doing it so much...! As expected a dragon class has incredible strength!”

“In that place, I thought it wasn’t ordinary...”

Both Ruu and that blond elf stand up but have their arms still on the desk. Ruu’s eyes brighten and she spreads her wings while the elf girl shows her tusks.

At the beginning both were equal in the arm wrestling but Ruu seems to gradually be suppressed. That elf has more muscle strength than Ruu! Both used magic, but the skills of that blond beauty was better.

“Uu, Shit...!” Ruu

“You aren’t so strong! However I didn’t estimated to get so serious! I’ll crush you just as it is!” Blond elf

“...Okay, go all out Ruu” Tsuchio

“Ye, Yes...please” Ruu

“Assistance is strictly prohibited!” Blond elf

“I don’t intend to interfere particularly, but I’ll draw out Ruus strength to the limit. Is it not good?” Tsuchio

“...If that’s the case, do it quickly!” Blond girl

“Excuse me” Tsuchio

The muscle strength of Ruu is concentrated to her right arm by magic and she jumps up momentarily. Ruu pushed the hand of that elf back and slammed it on the desk. The desk harmed by the blow seemed to have met its limit finally and broke into pieces. Huu, she won. We get a large sum of money!

“...Muu, I was completely taken in. You should have used this strength from the beginning” blond elf

“At first I wanted to confirm how strong you are. If you’re too strong, I wouldn’t be able to win” Ruu

“I see, a loss is a loss. I must admit that was splendid”

“Then you lost this entire money stack”

“Take it. ...If I run away, I would be followed to the end of the world until I’m killed” Blond elf

“I seem to understand it. Because I spoke to others from this place, it would be impossible to run away. The place was called spotted puppy inn” Tsuchio

“I understand, am ...ah, I have lost! I am annoyed, but a bet is a bet. This is all yours!” Blond elf

“Thank you very much, I will take it at once” Tsuchio

I disregard the surroundings who are booing and I take the big batch of money to the receptionist I talked with a while ago. At first she was surprised but took the bag and went inside.

“Ah, I have finished counting. I’ll keep it certainly. I took out the compensation for the desk you and your accomplice destroyed” Receptionist

“Eh!? ...My accomplice” Tsuchio

I look around the circumference, but I couldn’t see the blond elf who was attracting attention before. She ran away...!

“She isn’t here any longer. That’s why it is taken from you” Receptionist

“Ye, Yes...” Tsuchio

Shit, that damn hag...I will claim it back later!

The blond elf came over as soon as I returned to the spotted puppy inn. She was eating a light meal in the dining room. Teriyaki meat and vegetables are picked up by her and put between two slices of bread so that it looks like a sandwich.

“You are late, were you wandering around?” Blond elf

“I went through the procedure for paying for the broken desk! Please give me some money for that” Tsuchio

“Are you stingy, is that a man’s tolerance? In addition, I’m penniless now because of you. There is no money to pay” Blond elf

“Then, what will you do here?” Tsuchio

“It is your treat!” Blond elf

“...Haa” Tsuchio

I pay the bill for the meal and apologize. You may treat so that I don't come particularly...!

“If you say demon, then you are a devil?” Tsuchio

“Yes, that's right. You saw that sentence and noticed?” Blond girl

“Yes. Well, even if it isn't seen, I think that Ruu would have noticed” Tsuchio

“She is a totally rude young girl. Train her neatly” Blond elf

“Tsuchio has no side of himself to train someone” Ruu

“Are you stupid! There would be no such things, I'd train you neatly!” Blond elf

“Is that so...well, certainly I am already not good living without Tsuchio and there is another meaning of discipline” Ruu

“You, what are you! Still bullying me who is single for more than 280 years!? I also have a flame ignited since I'm at a marriageable age and you show off your deep love in front of me!? Would you like me to bite you!?” Blond elf

Oh, she is 280 years old. As a standard, is it roughly $\div 10$? At marriage age, then she is considerably young. Oh, it's the world in which teens get married, which is a gate, is the marriageable age also young of course?

“Oh, calm down! A good partner will be found surely, soon!” Tsuchio

“What do you mean with soon!!!” Blond elf

...Uh, I shouldn't mention this topic anymore. I shouldn't touch a topic of age, women and countries. Well, let's return to the main subject.

“Oh, please don't mind that. First let's introduce ourselves. I'm Tsuchio, a second year student of the royal academy. I think that you have seen and understood that my familiars are devil beasts” Tsuchio

“My name is Yukurishisu Zakuri! I'm the first princess of Zakurion empire. The present emperor is my elder brother Onyx!” Yukurishisu

A princess has come here!? Or rather Zakurion empire? I haven't heard of this country...yes, there are only four countries in this continent. Though it might be a hometown of a small tribe...however she said empire so it should be a big country.

"What is with that thorny face? Don't tell me that you don't know the name of the empire ruling all countries in my continent!" Yukurishisu

Ah, she has come from a different continent. This place is probably the country where the monsters who attacked the north were born.

"I'm sorry, I don't know your continent very well. I mean why does a princess of another continent fight, do you say hostile country or invade the dead center of an enemy continent? Is it a strategy to destroy the country from the inside?" Tsuchio

"It's different! I don't use such an unfair trick and fight from the front fair and square!" Yukurishisu

"Then why did you come to this country? Moreover to deposit such a code intentionally inside the guild" Tsuchio

"That code, I have no business with someone who doesn't understand it" Yukurishisu

＼頂点

わたしは旅の武芸者です。

長旅をしているうちに、

旅の資金が尽きてしました。

有り金はこれで全部です。

この賭、負けの条件は、

私が、腕相撲で負けること。

勝はその逆。能力次第では、勝

つことも出来るだろう。

This is Yukurishisu's message. The hint is the \ at the uppermost line. You need to read diagonal from the first letter. When you read diagonal from the

first letter “Wa” ,

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you have this line. Next hint is the word “top” next to the \. In other words, it means that you should pull out the initial of the kanjis. There are also hiraganas, but when you ignore them it is no problem. It can't be read if you don't do that.

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The sentence Yukurishisu-san hid was, “I'm a demon”. Because I came into contact first with her, what would she do if it was found by other adventurers.... Well, they normally don't believe such a thing. It is natural to think that it is accidental. I was half in doubt too, until I really saw the reaction of Yukurishisu-san. When I saw her reaction at the arm wrestling match I was sure she is a demon.

“And for what did you come here? Please don't say sightseeing” Tsuchio

“...It is a very important talk about a problem concerning our two continents. Possibly, it may control the fate of this continent. Once you hear this story, it will be impossible to go back. It will concern you, so is your resolution ready for it?” Yukurishisu

Yukurishisu says so with an earnest face. In short if I poke her face I would regret it. Now that I have heard this, am I ready? ...What shall I do, I still can return now. I can leave Yukurishisu-san and spend my summer holiday as scheduled or return to the academy.

“...Is Yukurishisu-san okay with me? There are better people who are stronger than me” Tsuchio

“Is that so, then shall we confirm it before the talk? Does Tsuchio-san have connections to someone influential?” Yukurishisu

“I have...a good relation to the principal at my academy who has a lot of influence and a teacher who is a court magician and with the heroes. I’m also acquainted with the 3rd chivalry leader and a nodding acquaintance with the royal military minister” Tsuchio

“With that it is really enough. Then next do you have a connection with an other country?” Yukurishisu

“There are not many, but I know the leaders of the knight orders of every country by sight” Tsuchio

“Well, it is better than nothing. I didn’t expect it and this is rather surprising. Unexpectedly you know a lot of people” Yukurishisu

“It’s naturally, because I participated in war...” Tsuchio

“Humu, you have war experience...and your familiars are strong too, then there is no problem at all” Yukurishisu

Then, as soon as I am determined....

“When I help Yukurishisu-san, will the war end?” Tsuchio

“...Thats right, thats the purpose. I came here all alone to stop the war between our continents” Yukurishisu-san

I haven’t said yet that I am willing to hear her story...however it is probably

fine. Helping Yukurishisu-san I will be involved in war and the war will continue, while my summer holidays will be shorter at the end.

“I understand, I’m ready. I’ll associate until the end” Tsuchio

“I’m saved. As expected, that hand isn’t usable once again. In addition, Tsuchio fits my conditions” Yukurishisu

“Haa...I am worried about stopping the war, so please tell me first about Zakurion empire. I have no knowledge, because I didn’t hear from them” Tsuchio

“That’s right, I’ll explain about my continent first” Yukurishisu

Yukurishisu-san has begun to speak slowly after she drinks her water a little.

“First of all, in my continent, there is only the Zakurion empire. One country rules the whole continent” Yukurishisu

“Humuhumu” Tsuchio

“There are no humans in my continent. The citizen of our empire are people similar to devil beasts how you would call it in this continent” Yukurishisu

“Humuhumu...hmm? Like the devil beasts which invaded and attacked from the north...?” Tsuchio

“That’s the force of the empire army” Yukurishisu

Therefore the equipment was unified strangely and there was a crest.... There was a crest to distinguish between them and devil beasts. Well, that can be expected. Because it was clear that they belong to some organizations.

“However, this continent’s monsters are quite different from my empire’s people. Even if they have the same form, there is a complete exception” Yukurishisu

“And what is that?” Tsuchio

“They are like the humans of this country. An individual with feelings. They are different from the monsters of this continent, because they have feelings, reason and a mind” Yukurishisu

...Emm, Wait a minute. Was my imagination suitable? That these devil beasts

aren't normal devil beasts?

"In other words, the soldier who invaded from the north that you thought to be devil beasts, are demons! They are the same as humans and they feel feelings and love their families and lovers!" Yukurishisu

...Seriously!? Shit, my intuition to not deal with it was proved right in this way.

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Chapter 63: Facing Osnyl

“The devil beasts who live in your continent have feelings and rationality?”
Tsuchio “Thats right, don’t lump them together with this monster. In addition, they are demons not devil beasts. Remember!” Yukurishisu The devil beasts who invaded and attacked from the north are like humans.... What shall I do when I come in contact with these demons who aren’t devil beasts.... It was senseless to kill these creatures who have a will.

“...I understand that it is a shock in various ways, but I want you to hear my story now” Yukurishisu “Ye, Yes. I’m sorry, please continue it” Tsuchio

“Understood. Emm, The invasion soldier had reason and they can speak as humans. With such a reason, our continent is ruled by the Zakurion empire and all citizens are against an invasion. Only the present emperor Onyx and some belligerent races are in favor of it” Yukurishisu “How often does your emperor make war, and can a war be prepared by such small numbers of insistence?”
Tsuchio “Yes, that’s the problem he can do it. The belligerent races have the important positions in my country. Though there are various problems, my country is always desolate.... And with such a purpose my brother makes war...”
Yukurishisu “Yukurishisu-san is against war?” Tsuchio

“Naturally! A aggressive war that doesn’t have an important meaning and only have the purpose to widen the empire’s territory. If my father is still alive, he would never permit it” Yukurishisu Did he provoke war though having problems within the country....

“With that doesn’t he point the spearhead of dissatisfaction to himself by setting war?” Tsuchio “...I surely didn’t hear any news of riots recently. My older brother sets war by such an aim” Yukurishisu “Ah, is that so. Maybe he started the war on the pretense of that” Tsuchio

“Then do you want to say that the purpose is the expansion of the territory from the beginning!?” Yukurishisu “No, it isn’t startling particularly...” Tsuchio

“If a certain territory is ruled now, Oh, it’s understood, I’m not convinced. But, my elder brother does not do even that. It’s impossible to leave the empire to

such elder brother!” Yukurishisu Haa...Oh, I think I make a mistake in talking about it. And after all, what does she want to do?

“I drag my older brother from the seat of the emperor and take him down. It’s a revolt!” Yukurishisu “...I see. Because I heard nothing, please do your best” Tsuchio

“Wait for a moment. Didn’t you say that you were prepared for it? I surely informed you that it was impossible to go back!?” Yukurishisu Stopping war is fine, but I don’t want to be related to a coup d’etat!

“Isn’t there a gentler way! To discuss about it !?” Tsuchio

“I did! The imperial side is favorable to the military situation now and I tried to persuade him in various way but he was against it like a family who put their child on sale! It is absolutely wrong!” Yukurishisu Well, when the war is stopped, the tax will be light too. What shall I do...Indeed taking part in a coup d’etat slightly....

“Are there any prospects of success?” Tsuchio

“Of course! We gain control of the castle by a swift attack! Ah, I’m not going to involve Tsuchio particularly. I will use Tsuchio’s connection to the upper echelons” Yukurishisu “So that means?” Tsuchio

“I want to the military of this continent to attack at the same time as we cause a revolt. Because the number of enemies is a great number, the retreat will be troublesome” Yukurishisu “You want me that I tell the upper echelon that the move the military. No matter how you look at it, it won’t work” Tsuchio “I understand, so I will reveal my social position. Then, no matter how you look at it, they may not ignore it” Yukurishisu Th, that would be very bad! If I touch her firm ears, will I be killed immediately!?

“Of course I do it on readiness. Well, if it’ll be so, does Tsuchio also protects me?” Yukurishisu Haa...If the wrong choice is struck, I seem not able to be in this continent any more....

“If it comes to such a point, please come with me...” Tsuchio

“I understand. Tsuchio, please be careful so that it doesn’t leak” Yukurishisu

“Yukurishisu-san too. It’s okay if you have your elf ears, but it will be serious if you show your tusks. Even if your magic isn’t discharged, it is useless, because you will be marked down surely” Tsuchio “Understood. ...Did you see my tusks?” Yukurishisu

“Yes, when you arm-wrestled with Ruu. Although it doesn’t seem you used mimic magic” Tsuchio “You are seen through immediately if you’re found by a master. Even though you are like a human, I think it is better not to use it conversely” Tsuchio “As long as magic is concealed, it might be probably safe. It is already evening, so shall we do it tomorrow? Do you have a inn? Tsuchio “Yes, it was the first I did. Huhuhu, Do you want to sleep together?” Yukurishisu

Yukurishisu-san lifts her chest and smoothes her hair upward. Her scruff that is peeping out for an instant is sexy...!

“Ah, like that is enough. I’m anxious, thanks. I mean, I still don’t intend to sleep with a 280-year-old grandmother. And I’m not hungry. ...Ah, is Yukurishisu-san hungry? I’m sorry” Tsuchio “Are you picking a fight, yes or no! What do you mean with hungry! I’m not hungry, because I have no lover! What are you making me say!!!” Yukurishisu Oh, she blow up grandly. After all, this blond princess must be such a character!

“Yukurishisu-san...you are really shining now!” Tsuchio

“Just shut up ! I’ll return now! Come pick me up tomorrow morning!”
Yukurishisu

She said so and Yukurishisu-san returned while squaring her shoulders. Oh, won’t it be tense tomorrow? For now, I’ll visit Osnyl-san. I cut it suddenly and spurt, It is likely not to mimic it very much. It’s because Kisato-san has gone to Shiano islands.

“Tsuchio, are you okay?”

“Hmm? Ah, it is surely dangerous and troublesome that the war continues as it is. However my judgment is certainly insecure, therefore I can feel relieved with Osnyl-san’s judgement”

“There is no such reason, that I follow Tsuchio’s judgement. And it is not that a devil beast is not a devil beast”

“...Ah, that”

The fact is that demons are like humans and have feelings and rationality right? Just in case, it was expected from that fortress recapturing strategy. When they belong to some organization, they are military of another country. Though they set fire to the supplies at the time of retreat and it was awfully quick, I thought who would command them if there is no demon.... With a demon as a platoon leader they are like humans.

“Well, it was expected. Though I’m surprised, that it isn’t so large. ...It’s the same thing as when humans are making war...” Tsuchio “Now that you’re saying...are you okay Tsuchio? Can you fight properly?” Ruu

“I don’t have any problem, because I was able to work properly even so far. I can kill humans, so there is no reason why I can’t kill a devil beast” Tsuchio “It’s good. Say anytime if you feel unpleasant. If Tsuchio orders, we will move as you like” Ruu “All right...I don’t feel a sense of guilt of killing” Tsuchio

It has been a little wrong as a person, but I think of this thankfully. I do not want to die and do not want to have even a trauma. It’s really convenient, this.

“Now, lets go sleep quickly, because it will be early tomorrow” Tsuchio

“Just do it today please ! ? We didn’t do it for the whole journey !” Ruu

“I told you let’s sleep...so let’s not do it. I’m tired from the journey to the capital” Tsuchio “That!” Ruu

Absolutely...I also have Shadow-san defend me today. If Shadow-san wraps herself around my body, Ruu cannot interfere. I let Shadow-san suck some of my life force, so I can sleep immediately and it’s kill two birds with one stone. Modesty, I really want Ruu to have a bit of self-control a little more.... Well, a sex carnivore like Ruu is also good!

On the next day I finished eating my breakfast, mending Rin’s fur and was in the middle of polishing Ruu’s scales, when Yukurishisu-san came over. There is no help for it, a woman is busy in the morning.

“I kept you waiting. Well let’s go!” Yukurishisu

“Yes yes and I may not be here if I didn’t intrude suddenly” Tsuchio

“Then I would have met another person. For now, shall we go meet that person?” Yukurishisu “Kisato-san doesn’t return for a month...then, shall we talk with Osnyl-san?

And because he is the military minister he might not meet us” Tsuchio

“He seems to be the supreme leader, so will we be all right Tsuchio?” Yukurishisu

“I don’t know because we know us only by sight...well I’m a close friend of Kisato-san so it’ll be okay” Tsuchio We line up at the waiting line to go through the gate to the aristocrat district and while we are waiting we discuss about the plan from yesterday. For now let’s tell Osnyl and Arrack-san about it...it doesn’t decrease our plan.

“All right, next!” Guard

After several minutes we came to confront the guard and I told Yukurishisu-san before that she shall say nothing.

“Humu, academy student in what way, do you want to enter the aristocratic district?” Guard “There is a urgent business and I have to meet an acquaintance in the royal palace! This one behind me is a companion!” Tsuchio “In the royal palace? Don’t you have a invitation or anything else?” Guard

“Because it is urgent business how shall I have one.... But I think that you understand it if you say to Osnyl-san that Tsuchio came with an urgent business!” Tsuchio “To Osnyl!? ...Okay, I will hear it. For now, please wait a moment by the side” Guard The guard said so and left, while another guard took up his position. By the way, does Osnyl-san let us in.... I hope that he remembers me.

“Will it be all right?” Yukurishisu

“Everything depends on Osnyl-san...because he heard my story from Kisato, I think he will remember” Tsuchio The guard came back after some minutes. Is there a magic tool that is similar to a telephone? It’s convenient, because there is remote conversation magic and I think it has been developed by all means.

“It was permitted by Osnyl-san, please go to the royal palace straight as it is” Guard “Thank you very much!” Tsuchio

Good, we were able to enter inside for now. Thank you, Osnyl-san!

We went straight to the royal palace as it was said. It seems that an report was done to the third wall because Arrack-san was waiting for us.

“I’m sorry, Arrack-san. To intrude so suddenly” Tsuchio

“No No, because I finished my work and was about to take a break it isn’t a problem. And it is urgent business” Arrack-san “It’s concerning the devil beasts from the north” Tsuchio

“...I see, please follow me” Arrack-san

We’re entering the royal palace following Arrack-san. I have just come several months ago, so I don’t remember the way yet.

“It’s Arrack, I brought Tsuchi-san” Arrack

“Ou, enter” Osnyl

It is different from last time, because there are a lot of documents piled up on Osnyl-san’s desk. In some way his figure of moving the pen grumpily seems to be uncomfortable.

“It’s been a long time, Osnyl-san. I’m sorry for intruding during work” Tsuchio

“It’s an urgent business, so don’t mind it. Instead of I was more astonished that you are visiting so suddenly. I thought you would ask Kisato first” Osnyl
“Because Kisato-san went to Shiano islands, I couldn’t contact him. And while I’m in the capital, Osnyl-san is the only one I can talk with” Tsuchio “Hou, it’s to the extent you’re asking me intentionally. Is it a quite big problem?” Osnyl “Yes, it is concerning the war with the northern devil beasts and other things” Tsuchio Osnyl-san who heard what I said while moving his pen, stopped when I said war.

“That is surely a serious problem. Is this woman related to it?” Osnyl

“Eh in fact it’s that person’s concern. Emm, she...” Tsuchio

While I try to explain the situation, Yukurishisu-san took my hand and stepped forward.

“That will be explained by myself. Because I’m the one concerned, I’m familiar

with the circumstances" Yukurishisu "...Then please" Osnyl

"Yes. Meeting you for the first time, I'm Yukurishisu Zakurion. I'm the first princess of Zakurion empire" Yukurishisu "Zakurion empire? Such a country doesn't exist" Osnyl

"Of course it's a country of a different continent. The demons who have invaded this continent from the north are people from my country" Yukurishisu "Humu...first of all, I want to hear, your purpose?" Osnyl

"To end this war!" Yukurishisu

"I see...Tsuchio you have brought something quite fascinating" Osnyl

"Is that a joke? Are you serious?" Yukurishisu

"Well, if it's just that much There is no one who says that's a joke. Tell me the story in detail" Osnyl "I understand" Yukurishisu

By the way, what happened. When the war ends with this, it wouldn't have come to that....

Chapter 64: Consultation with Osnyl

Yukurishisu-san explains everything she told me to Osnyl-san. Meanwhile, I tell the rough circumstances to Arrack-san who is waiting together with me.

“Haaa...a country of devil beasts also exists” Arrack-san

“They aren’t devil beasts, they look only like devil beasts” Tsuchio

“Is that so? However I haven’t seen a demon like her at all. If I see in a flash, she is visible only as a elf” Arrack-san

“That’s right. For the time being it is useless telling others” Tsuchio

“I understand. Because infiltrating the royal castle is an unprecedented disgraceful affair for a demon” Arrack-san

“I don’t understand that...if it’s the commoner district, if there is no especially doubtful place even if there is no identification card, you can go through paying money” Tsuchio

“When you can say so, I come to feel relaxed.... But still, will a revolt succeed?” Arrack-san

“Yukurishisu-san seems to have the prospects of success.... And well, Osnyl-san will judge it. This is his specialty” Tsuchio

“That’s right. ...Tsuchio-san, what would you do?” Arrack-san

“What do you mean?” Tsuchio

“If attacking according to her rebellion, will Tsuchio-san participates in the strategy. Well, you won’t participate because you’re a student” Arrack-san

“Is that so...fortunately when it ended last time only my right arm was broken, but I don’t know what happens next. Unless I’m called, I don’t intend to participate on my own” Tsuchio

“That’s good, you are a student so you need to work hard for your study. As for the war, leave it to us the knight order” Arrack-san

“The second knight order will concentrate on the defense of the royal city”

Tsuchio

“I, I know!” Arrack-san

I am called by Osnyl-san when I talk about such a thing. On the desk was a map, which I don't know where he has taken it out.

“From where is this map?” Osnyl-san

“This continental north and the part that the empire occupies. I survey it properly” Yukurishisu-san

“This map is quite detailed. The documents about the north left in the kingdom are old and not usable. And because the topography is also indicated on this tightly, it isn't necessary to go scouting intentionally” Osnyl-san

“The empires force are gathered here for the present time. Because it is our letters, it should be readable...” Yukurishisu-san

Yukurishisu-san took out some documents attached with a string from her shadow.

“What it is just translated by translation magic” Yukurishisu-san

“Eh, however, if the partner who should read isn't decided, then the translation magic is useless...” Osnyl-san

“When I took out the paper that I gave to the guild, I appointed the receptionist. Perhaps, she thought that is a letter of this country...” Yukurishisu-san

“Ah, then it's all right. I was also able to read it” Osnyl-san

“Then, it's all right” Yukurishisu-san

Osnyl-san is reading the documents handed by Yukurishisu-san intensely.

“How old are these information?” Osnyl-san

“Almost 2 weeks. If there is reinforcement or an important matter, I think that they tell it with the long distance communication magic tool” Yukurishisu-san

“Hmm...When only such documents come, the knight order can be moved somehow. Well, about the rebellion in the empire and this young lady over there, it's necessary to come into contact a little.... If we do something, that's

good talk" Osnyl-san

"Please. It is save if possible you can remain silent until this calms down"
Yukurishisu-san

"Well, if you don't succeed, it's insignificant. When going as planned it seems to manage somehow, from what I heard..." Osnyl-san

"Is that true?" Yukurishisu-san

"Yes. The preparation is also steady and the considerable situation is assumed. Well something unexpected can occur, but you won't have any problem if the communication means are prepared. Though there might be a problem with the partner...towards this young lady, I found no reason to fail"
Osnyl-san

Partner problem? Does she only posses the fighting power....

"Do you understand the force of the other party?" Osnyl-san

"Of course. Mostly noncommissioned officer and low-class soldiers are won as allies. The enemies leaders are commanding officers, knights and the imperial guards who are under the direct control of the emperor" Yukurishisu-san

"Aren't adventurer or mercenaries employed?" Osnyl-san

"Particularly they are not employed because they might go over to the other side if the money is right" Yukurishisu-san

"I see...are low-class soldiers okay?" Osnyl-san

"They are safe, I confirmed it directly. And it isn't quite possible to think that all members will betray" Yukurishisu-san

Watching at each other mutually...stress seems to build up.

"When is it expected to be carried out?" Osnyl-san

"We will start immediately as soon as I'm in the empire. So I also want you to move as quickly as possible there..." Yukurishisu-san

"Noted, I will gather the knight orders that can be moved together by the end of the day. However, by all means it will take several weeks" Osnyl-san

"I understand. Meanwhile I'll also advance preparations here. Tsuchio"

Yukurishisu-san

Yukurishisu-san is handing me something like a pen. This...the long distance communication magic tool? What a geometric design is engraved into the surface.

“Wow it’s really easy to understand, it’s also easy to look too”

“Ye, Yes. There is a small chance”

Rather than saying, I can see it now. It has the same feeling as Spirit-san’s branch. Is such a design popular?

“Although the use of magic changes depending on the distance...from here to the empire you can use it once every half month. Contact can also be made from there, but the basis is done from here. When I’m ready, I will make contact with you, so can you inform the minister?” Yukurishisu-san

“No, shouldn’t you hand this magic tool to Osnyl-san?” Tsuchio

“I ask for your help, because I don’t trust others yet” Yukurishisu-san

“You met me only by chance too. Until I understand, that the information in the map and the enemy is correct, the rebellion is a fishy story” Tsuchio

“Emm, can you trust me?” Yukurishisu-san

“Wouldn’t there be no reason that Tsuchio deceives me?” Yukurishisu-san

...Well, I don’t imitate the person I got to know in this way.... That this country is lost would be a problem, but it isn’t the reason which has a grudge against the Zakurion empire particularly. Seeing it personally, I also like Yukurishisu-san.

“Even so, I want you to treat the captives properly if the empire soldiers surrender. It’s outrageous to kill them, when they surrendered. Even if it’s inevitable that deaths will happen in a war.... I want you to utilize the life which can be utilized” Yukurishisu-san

“...Noted, I will carry it out without exception. However that also goes for your side” Osnyl-san

“Of course” Yukurishisu-san

“Good. Tsuchio, your summer vacations are now. If you planned to go to

various places, then the time is bad but please stay in the royal city for a while. As soon as the report comes, I want to move the military. We may move to the northern fortress on the way" Osnyl-san

"That's okay, I also planned to stay a while longer in the royal town. Ah, but I may go out to the surrounding of the capital" Tsuchio

"I do not mind it as far as you can come back immediately. Well you have to go back to the academy when your vacation ends.... For that time did you inform the principal?" Osnyl-san

"I don't know when to make a contact, so I have not inform her yet" Tsuchio

By the way, I was assigned to hold contact with Yukurishisu-san...and my stay at the royal city seems to be prolonged. Are there other places where I can go besides the library? Umm, let's use this time to train Shadow-san. Ruu and the others will gain experience when we go to the north.

Everything Yukurishisu-san wanted to tell seems to be told now and she will return to Zakurion empire today. She said that it was dangerous in various ways using magic when she came here, but she will return with transfer magic. Transfer magic is convenient. However it cannot be used by me, because it uses a lot of magical power. Only Rin or Shadow-san seem to be able to use it.

"Please be careful, Yukurishisu-san. Absolutely don't let them beat you like a weakling okay" Tsuchio

"I understand, feel relieved. I have lift in this tricky world for 200 years now. I won't be defeated by my elder brother who lives peacefully!" Yukurishisu-san

"However, it is belligerent. is he strong?" Tsuchio

"Well, he is from the royal family, so he also has a quantity of magic power and is used of fighting because he mastered several martial arts. But I'm the same and I don't intend to lose" Yukurishisu-san

"That's good.... Then take care" Tsuchio

"Yes, you too Tsuchio. I will contact you later. Although it was a short acquaintance, I was saved variously. I wouldn't have met the military minister without Tsuchio. I'll return this kindness certainly in the name of the first

princess of the Zakurion empire" Yukurishisu-san

"Then let the revolt succeed, so that you can guide me around the empire next time. When the war ends, would I also be able to go to that continent?"
Tsuchio

"That's right and at that time I will guide you. Then" Yukurishisu-san

She said so and a black haze surrounded Yukurishisu-san and she just flew to the empty distance. Seeing from the side, it feels like teleportation magic....

"Does that person really rebel...?" Ruu

"What about it...her action that regards the country and the people, I want her not to die" Tsuchio

"...?" Purupuru?

"Thats so...because we cannot go to the front yet, let's go to the royal library for now. There are various books I haven't read" Tsuchio

I heard that there are many types of magic books.

"...Buru"

"...After we went to the library and ate lunch, shall we go on a walk? There should be a forest near the capital. Let's go there and level up Shadow-san"

Though Lime too, but I need to let Rin become a human as soon as possible. I feel sorry for her every time we leave her alone. When we go to the north she can fight strong monsters.

The royal library is on the south side opposite of the adventurer guild. It is on the second wall next to the commoner district. Although you need to pay a entrance fee to go inside, it is fine for everyone who get a normal income at the capital.

I tie Rin at the horse standing and pay the entrance fee at the reception before I go inside the library. Well importance have books. It's important what kind of book are available.

"By the way...for now shall we look for magic books? Ruu, Lime you can move freely"

“Okay!”

“Koku”

Ruu and the others scatter and enter different bookshelves. They are so enthusiastic, what are they looking for? Do I also look for books?

It is classified apparently to some degree, and magic books are put at the magic book shelf. Supporting magic...ah, here. I also that in the academy. Umm...oh, I haven't saw this one yet. Shall I read it?

Then for a while I read different books and put them back into the shelf before I took out a new one. There were plenty books I haven't read, but there was not much that attracted my attention. Before that, there are few books of support magic. It is mostly books with attack or healing magic. Good grief, I only just want to study support magic neatly.

Because I want to eat lunch, shall we go now? I want to train Shadow-san. I need to look for Ruu if I want to meet her. But where is she?

As expected Ruu's red stands out and it was possible to find her at once from among the shelf. She stares at a book with pink cover as if she indulges in it. Her face is also faintly red. Is it...a erotic picture!?

“Do, Doing such a thing...! Wow!? Th, there is another hole.... Besides, it, it is so much disordered...” Ruu

“Ru, Ruu...!?” Tsuchio

“Eh? Tsu, Tsuchio!?” Ruu

Ruu quickly moved her hands to hide the book she was reading. ...It is dirty Ruu.

“E, Emm, I just came here...! I didn't read the book right here particularly!” Ruu

“Uh, I understand. I understand” Tsuchio

“Th, Then it is good. ...Hey, Tsuchio” Ruu

Having still a slightly red face, Ruu enquired me.

“That...Tsuchio would you also like to try another hole out?” Ruu

“...Ruu, forget that book okay?” Tsuchio

“Eh?” Ruu

“Okay?” Tsuchio

“Un, Understood” Ruu

Good grief...what is this book! When it is in such a place, it will negatively affect a child who is still growing up! Good grief! I may want to try it out a little, but I get angry with myself who has thought about it!

“Good grief...where is Lime?” Tsuchio

“Ah, I saw her on the other side of this shelf a while ago. What is it...besides, I think she was at a place where such books were gathered variously” Ruu

“Hmm, is it so? Then, let’s go to her” Tsuchio

Lime was reading a book in front of a shelf into which various books are stuffed as Ruu saw. There seem to be no books which seem bad for education here.

“Lime, shall we have lunch soon?”

“Koku”

Lime tries to put the book that she had read back into the shelf. Muu, I do not understand the title from this.

“What did you read?”

“...” Purupuru

Lime shows the book to me. Eh this is “Introduction volume of Priscilla’s sex techniques” ? What 48 sex positions? The content...uh, 48 sex positions!

“Li, Lime...did you read such a book?” Tsuchio

“Nod nod ”

“I see. Is it interesting?” Tsuchio

“Nod ”

When it is good...what will it be good for! What can the like of Lime learn!

“Haa...shall we go?”

Is it okay to let Lime become a person? Sex techniques are squeezed. When I don't do my best with every effort it won't be satisfying for Ruu. ...I will also read Priscillas sex techniques introduction. There should also be one for men.

Chapter 65: Alone with Shadow-san

Lunch is finished in a suitable shop and we went out of the imperial capital. Because it's afternoon, we won't be possible to go to a far place today.... Well, Ruu and Rin are fast and they'd be able to go farther than an ordinary horse.

"For now, shall we enter the nearest forest? Everybody can just do what you want, because I will train the basics with Shadow-san" Tsuchio

I fly away from the gate of the capital in a slightly remote place and get down on the forest several kilometres away. It isn't a big forest, because it is near the castle town and the devil beasts aren't very strong either. It is a tutorial forest for new adventurer. Well you shouldn't underestimate the small fishes so much, because even strong guys die when they are surprised.

"Okay, then do we go?" Tsuchio

Shadow-san stands next to me. This child still seems strange. She isn't so talkative and I know clearly what to consider. No, it isn't necessary for her to speak because I can understand her thoughts. She speaks well with Lime.

When we hunt at such place, we have decided to act separately from Ruu and the others. When the ability is too far, devil beasts won't appear. Still in case of Lime it might be safe, but with Ruu and Rin we might not get any experience. When we're here, they wouldn't be able to go to a far place.

"Hmm, it came" Tsuchio

The place where I got off is around halfway in the forest. Generally it's the middle point from the entrance to the center. Going inside at such a place, the monsters might be stronger.... Like Danze island. It is just fine to level up Shadow-san...but well, spirit-san seems to be busy and I don't want to bother her. If I haven't come to the capital, I wouldn't have met Yukurishisu-san and be concerned with the circumstances of the Zakurion empire.... There is no help for it even if I say now, however it isn't necessary to participate in the next strategy and wait for the war to end. I want Yukurishisu-san to do her best as far as she doesn't overdo it.

In the middle of thinking about such a thing, I encounter devil beasts. Whether it's the purpose of Shadow-san absorbing my life force, but I'm able to feel their vitality. The area isn't too wide, so I don't need to worry about a surprise attack. It doesn't react to the ghost system.

Several wolves have appeared before us. Slaver is dripping from their mouths and their fangs are peeled off as a threat. They try to surround us, but there is no justice letting them do so.

I throw a talisman to the left side of the wolves'feets, while Shadow-san lies hidden in the shade of a tree after shooting a black blade from the front. The wolves jump away as soon as earth pillars arise from the ground, but one didn't make it. The wolf which was stabbed is swallowed by Shadow-san which jumped out of tree. The wolves who try to attack me are cut into the black blade, because a wall appears in front of them and push them back. One wolf goes around the wall and tries to attack me but he is intercepted by Shadow-san. She swung her arm and one foot of the wolf is cut.

"Thank you, you may eat everything" Tsuchio

When I said so, Shadow-san was swallowing the wolves who lie on the ground one after another. She took the wolf corpse off the earth spear and absorbed it. When I think how she swallowed the body so leisurely, she spitted out the bones. It is spurted by wind quickly when it fall onto the ground. When all my vitality is sucked, I becomes like this.... Since she always absorbs my vitality, she already knows well how to modify. As long as there is Shadow-san, the perfect crime seems not to be a dream.

After all, wolves aren't very delicious.... It doesn't need to be said that devil beasts with stronger vitality will be more delicious. So we have to go more to the inside to let stronger devil beasts appear.

"Hey Shadow-san, I think it is not good to call you Shadow-san every time, so let's consider a formal name" Tsuchio

I decide to think about a name for Shadow-san while walking in the forest. I may not need to mention, but there were no chances to talk with Shadow-san.

"When I gave an name to everyone, I used something basic from their race. In case of Ruu, she is an dragon who speaks with a local accent. By Lime I take out

the lime from slime. And by Rin I saw that she was a female kirin”

It is very cheap now when I think...so shall I devise it a little bit more. Because Shadow-san herself was satisfied, I thought this was okay.

“Ah, do you understand kirin? You understand!? Then it is good.... I want to decide the name for Shadow-san, you’re a shadow monster.... Where should it be taken from...?”

Was there something? A one using the shadow? I can’t think of it really.

“Uuhh...because you’re a shadow monster, is it ray? Or Emma? It is unpleasant like some votive pictures.... Eh, pride? No No, that is not good. Because of arrogance”

While discussing about various things when we’re walking something has fallen in front of us suddenly. We split up into left and right and avoided it in a rush. The person who keeps passing through between us stops, while shaving the ground for ten metres before looking back to us. White breath is gush out at the warped horn on its big nose and it was a wild boar that was totally 3m long.

“Tchi, it wasn’t so hard in case of Ruu and the others.... Shadow-san, I will think about a name for you another time”

The wild boar which aims at me is thrusting again. I avoided it with a side jump and the boar passed beside me right now and hit a tree. The tree broke remarkably from the right in the middle of the trunk without being able to endure the impact. It would be dangerous if I have received it....

Shadow-san shoot a black arrow at its back, but it doesn’t stick deeply because it might be blocked by the muscles. On the contrary, it only angers the wild boar and it plunges into Shadow-san this time. Shadow-san jumps into the shade of the nearby tree to dodge, but if this battle prolongs more, my stamina will be empty quickly. Using Ruu and the others as help is the last mean. Lets try to beat it with only me and Shadow-san.

“Shadow-san kill it, when it draws closer”

I say so and throw a talisman at the wild boar, while getting away from Shadow-san. Even if I enter into forest, the trees are mowed down from the charge.... For the time being, shall I keep my position? It is awkward that I lost

sight even if it goes to Shadow-san.

The wild boar rushing from the rear is avoided with a sideway jump again. Because it was later than a while ago, avoiding was easy. But before regaining my balance, the wild boar which didn't slow down and turned his aim at me has crashed in by first speed. If you can do such a trick, use it from the beginning!

I scatter talismans on the ground which connect with each other by a ray and defend me from the front. I made an imitation of Loreen's talisman art! And just like that I thrusted, it was just like a bio movie work, scattered properly. There isn't a airflow here and a quick movement wouldn't be able with that body. I thought so...but the wild boar avoided the lattice and plunged into me. This is unexpected, so I take shelter in the air by getting on a earth pillar in panic. To avoid by such smooth movement...I underestimated the wild boar a little.

The wild boar throws his head into the earth pillar I was standing on and the pillar is crushed after it can't endure it anymore. I greatly return to the side of Shadow-san. It is a fault to leave her alone so much...she seem to be ready. The gaze of Shadow-san is painful, though she has no eyes. It is to the extent that she seem to be proud...but I made sure that it won't begin to remain on her face, so do I look through Shadow-san?

"Then stop walking!"

Shadow-san and I are supplemented and it is seen not to move, so the wild boar that lacks ground accumulates power. It is convenient to be able to do it in time, so I prepared my talismans and Shadow-san concentrates her magic.

"Buruhhiiii!!!"

The wild boar makes a big roar and rushes with a speed that is faster than before. The momentum is threatening, but I'll counter him.

I throw out a set of several talismans at the course of the wild boar. The appearing earth pillars mix together and become a twisting drill that confronts it. I should wait because it is thrust in from the other side if I do nothing. I didn't forget to reinforce the earth pillars neatly.

The wild boar doesn't seem to intend to stop even if it looks at the rock drill.

It might crush it from the front. Before that, the drill won't break before sticking deep inside. That's also an aim. And because it'll be soon in front of the drill, it's also difficult to exchange.

And as expected the boar confronts the drill head on. The tip of the drill cuts into the chest, but the reinforced earth pillars cracks when they lay emphasis on the wild boar. During such, I let Shadow-san jump into the shadow of the wild boar. 2 black circles stood out on both sides and a black ray was thrown from there. Its head and neck were pierced and the boar fell down to the ground. When it's seen, it seems to be convulsed and also die soon timidly.

Shadow-san swallows that wild boar. Her appearance doesn't change at all, even after absorbing the wild boar. As expected, is the fourth dimension inside Shadow-san? Thereupon it will take a good amount of time to absorb the vitality of the wild boar. This wild boar might be more delicious than the wolves.

"The way of evolution seems still far...so shall we take a break around here?

Her evolution will be quicker than Ruu.... As I thought, it brings nothing no matter how much small fries she defeats. This wild boar was quite strong, but we can't hunt only this guy. Therefore I want her to gain more experience if she face stronger devil beasts. However I can't let her fight too strong monsters however in this neighbourhood it shouldn't be difficult....

Shadow-san who finished absorbing the life of the wild boar discharge the bones. Because it took plenty of time, may she not evolve soon? What kind of feeling will it be...though she didn't change very much.

Normally strong monsters have also high vitality. Except the ghost type. I decided that we don't have so much time to fight small fries, so we only fight those who attack us and strong devil beasts. Those wild boars would live in this place won't be alone and there may be also monsters which eats that wild boar. Although I don't know whether there is a food chain here, but there was one in Danze island. This shut environment...was plain. Those beetles will be suffering predators. With that alone it is a big threat. I want beetles to exert themselves by the amount more than the quality.

When such a stupid thing is considered, I have encountered a brown bear. How dangerous is a brown bear.... The gray is chancy and black is cowardly.

When I return I will touch Fal's kuma ears again.

I and the brown bear continued to look at each other for a while. The bear moved first. It cut down the distance to me at a stretch and strikes at me with its sharp claws. The bear runs surprisingly fast and it is also powerful because of its large-built. Fire bees are thrown while retreating. They hit the bear who was standing on two legs directly and made him stagger greatly. As expected, it is a devil beasts that doesn't suffer a great wound and just burn a little. Even though I didn't intend to kill it with the explosion originally, so is there still room for improvement? The bear is bleeding from its mouth, so the interior of its body was damaged by the impact.

A wind blade is fired blindly by the bear, when he swung his claws around the spot. Shadow-san fights back with a black blade from my back while preventing the attack with a wall.

The bear which is going to run away from the several blades that will hit it lost its fighting spirit. I released some fire bees that charge at the bear from the side. And the bear which is blown away by that explosive impact lands against a tree. Next Shadow-san who is inside the tree's shadow drags the bear inside. Although the bear struggles and tries to resist, black ropes crawled all over its body and didnt permit it. And it has been dragged down as it is.

"Absorb it quickly. You must not torment it very much"

Shadow-san's inside is like a black hole when you see how she absorbs everything inside. Well, it is natural for Shadow-san. Because it is Shadow-san who decides whether to suck up a life, can I enter inside? When she can absorb a bear, then she also can absorb Rin...however it is impossible if there is no air. If she evolves, will the environment of her inside become smaller and detailed... is it possible? Shadow storage is convenient. I must evolve her quickly!

I thought so and the sun has also gone down and I'll do around here today. Ruu and the others might return to soon so we need to consider their return time. Although they moved freely, Ruu should know the place. Oh, they came.

"Good work, did you hunt a lot of devil beasts?" Ruu

"Well, because Shadow-san eat everything in a hurry, I couldn't get any material. Ruu, Rin and Lime, where did you go?" Tsuchio

“I didn’t go to a very far place. Therefore I knocked down the flying devil beasts that flew on the sky” Ruu

“Kokukoku”

“Bururuu”

“Was it so? Then shall we go back to the imperial capital quickly?”

Shadow-san can’t be leveled up so much around the imperial capital as expected.... Does only Osnyl-san go to the fortress first?

Chapter 66: Again to the fortress

Waiting for Yukurishisu's response for a few days, I was supplementing my talismans in the royal library when Arrack-san came over.

"Ah Tsuchio-kun. You were here as expected" Arrack-san

"Ah, Arrack-san. There still was no communication with Yukurishisu-san yet" Tsuchio

"I came to inform you that Osnyl-san will move to the fortress. If possible, I want Tsuchio-kun to move with him..." Arrack-san

"You are busy with the management of the knight orders" Tsuchio

"Yes, I leave the minimum staff and participate in this strategy. Because the movement has already begun, we will have the whole force gathered at the fortress until next week. I also heard, that reinforcement will come from the other countries" Arrack-san

"That are wonderful news. Then when will be the depart?" Tsuchio

"Simultaneously with tomorrow's sunrise. Therefore please prepare yourself" Arrack-san

"Understood, will Osnyl-san and the guards move together?" Tsuchio

"It'll be so and with Tsuchio-kun we are three" Arrack-san

"Does Arrack-san stay in the castle town?" Tsuchio

"Yes, the defense of the imperial capital can't be neglected indeed. Although I also want to go to the mountains..." Arrack-san

"Let's handle each role properly" Tsuchio

"That's so. Well then" Arrack-san

There are 3 weeks remaining of the summer vacations. When I think that we will move to the fortress in a week...I also think if I return to the academy after staying in the fortress for a week.

"Good, all talismans that I use are replenished. Shadow-san, can the number

of sheets be confirmed? Good, that's correct. Then shall we think of a new work now?"

Just the earth pillars and the fire-bees are lacking in the deciding factor and only Tsuiraku passes as trump card.... The accumulation is long and the magic use is ridiculously. It is more convenient, if you don't think about talismans with high killing power. Loreen's talismans are for the support. Traps are strong, but wherever I go, there is no trap. There is no meaning if the enemy doesn't get caught in it.

"Umm...If I think from a convenient aspect, the use of magic is rather little. I can use the fire bees again and again as long as if they aren't disposed, because that is troublesome. Is there still quality paper?"

Shadow-san takes out a roll paper from her body. Mana grass seems to be very convenient and is usable as paper for talismans as well as magical power analepticum. It's expensive, but it's a paper which can be used fairly because paper permits good magic and also has its own high endurance. I bought a large amount of it from the money I got on Danze island...but why does Shadow-san have it?

"I still have plenty. Hmm, thank you. Now, should I write them for the time being?"

Shadow-san cut off a suitable size and I take a pen for the draft. When using quality paper, how many times can it be used until it was settled. One problem is the killing power. Because the magical powers may increase to some extent, let's increase the killing power. When it was decided, I will try putting out the plan which was warmed promptly! Ah, but I have a hard time when I make plenty of new ones...the snakes take me several months to make. Shall we improve it from the way of the previous guy did.

I was enthusiastic about manufacturing a new talisman and when I noticed, it was already evening. Ruu laid down while reading a book and Lime was able to read Priscilla's techniques up to the chapter of development. The practice volume is picked up at time. This book isn't so thick, but she is reading it slowly and carefully....

Originally I came to the capital with some baggage, so my preparation are

rearranging the content. I must carry out my latest experiment tomorrow on the way of moving....

And before the sunrise rises on the next day, I go out of the inn and go to the north gate which is our meeting place. I reserved the room for longer, so I might be able to get some money back for the remaining days. Because it can't often be returned if it's an advance payment...I'll also stay in the spotted puppy inn next time.

"Oh, Tsuchio this way. Isn't it bad so early in the morning" Osnyl-san

"No, I'm an early bird. Now, will we go to the fortress?" Tsuchio

"Yes and these are my guards. Good grief, I said that it wasn't necessary" Osnyl-san

"As expected without guard it is dangerous...and we don't know what will happen on this journey" Tsuchio

"Well, is it so.... Good let's leave quickly!" Osnyl-san

Osnyl-san and the others go out of the north gate by horses, while I'm riding Rin. The monsters on the way to the fortress are ignored because we hurry!

Because we ran for a long time on a road, it wasn't necessary to talk. Rin seems happy to be together with me for such a long time, that it can be said that it is forced. It was totally a peaceful journey, while no robbers or devil beasts appeared.

"How is it, did a report come from that young lady?" Osnyl-san

"There wasn't even a slight response.... Well, the knight orders haven't gathered yet, too, so isn't it fine?" Tsuchio

"I guess, that's so.... I asked too much and prepared fairly, but there is a guards problem here so we can't wait for too long" Osnyl-san

"Or rather you were able to move the knight order well. Yukurishisu-sam is a demi human and as a princess she doesn't have any guarantee anywhere" Tsuchio

"...Ah is that so, doesn't Tsuchio know? The magical power of a human is a little different from a demi human in quality. Talented guys know it clearly"

Osnyl-san

Heee...so Ruu bunch also noticed. I didn't notice at all.... However from Yukurishisu's and Ruu bunch's reaction it probably is a demi human, and from that sentence too, I think. Somehow there is some difference.

"Well, if you don't come near fairly you wouldn't understand that there aren't many guards. Even if you sneak in, it's worthless"

"The B-rank adventurer didn't notice, too..."

"Because this is a sense, it is reasonable if you don't notice. That's why demi-human understood the young lady"

"Then, as for the princess?"

"The northern scouting is already finished to some extent. Only around the fortress. After I checked the map I got from that young lady with an result, I agreed tightly. It's still necessary to be cautious and I can't move the knight orders without information. Even though things may appear this way, an minister has power" Osnyl-san

"The only problem is the organization of the army.... Where do you rely on?"
Tsuchio

"Going that far...it can't be checked. Even if the map is good, I check it while advancing" Osnyl-san

"That's right...I trust Yukurishisu-san. However there is also a possibility that she is made to swim by her elder brother" Tsuchio

"This map and organization of the army, perhaps may be a lie after all.... Well, we can't return since we have come here. There are also times where you are deceived which is regrettable" Osnyl-san

"If it's true what Yukurishisu-san said, then the war is surely over" Tsuchio

"On the contrary, we could conclude peace and may have interchange. ... Coexistence of humans and demi-human. Tsuchio, how about tamers" Osnyl-an

"Thats so...there are good and bad people. I think that also applies to demi-humans. If there are people like Yukurishisu-san, then there are also people like her elder brother. Isn't that fine?" Tsuchio

“Is that so...or rather, it is the work of other people considering this one. We only defeat the enemies who are in front” Osnyl-san

“I don’t participate. I have enough of this war” Tsuchio

Coexistence of humans and demons...is suddenly impossible. According to a person who has a grudge toward devil beasts, even a demi human can become a target of that grudge. Well, there is no help for it even if I think according to proverb now, don’t count your chickens before they are hatched.

With this and that, Osnyl-sans’s party arrived at the fortress in one week. I carried out my latest experiment during the turns of the watch at midnight. Because I remodeled the existing talisman, I want to verify their effects in actual fighting. The convenience is felt only in actual fighting. A series of battles.

“Then, we are in the center. Because there is a considerably amount of people who enter, there should be plenty of inns. Though there would be no tamer exclusive inn...well, forgive the neighborhood” Osnyl-san

“I understand. If the report comes I go to the central building” Tsuchio

“Ah, you can go in immediately with my name. Well then” Osnyl-san

At the entrance of the fortress, I parted from Osnyl-san. By the way, shall I look for an inn again first? Guild...it is troublesome if I can’t get any information. I need to hear variously to go to the north later. Let’s stay at a place where the horse stable good.

I got a suitable inn and go to the guild afterwards. The map of the fortress was stuck on the request board where adventurer surge for information and I try to see it first of all.

“When you walk from the fortress to the north for a while...a big forest spread there. On the road we used in the past, there is a trace which the demi-human army used. It is relatively easy to pass through the forest if you go along this way. A plain seems to spread ahead of the forest...how should I say, it is vague”

Just in case, I think that scaling is decided. There will be few people who went to the forest. The knight order will have a more detailed map.

“The monsters that can appear...arent very much”

“The forest is full of treants. Other monsters who live together with the treants...are ducks, monkeys and ghosts”

“Monkeys are everywhere...”

“...” Purupuru

“Basically, everything is fed to Shadow-san. Ah, do you also want to eat some Lime? Okay...then how about fifty-fifty?”

“Koku”

“Shadow-san seem to be fine sharing the defeated monsters with you. The reason which has been troubled with money...and well I can't say so, if I graduate from the academy”

Before I go back to the academy, I want to level up Lime and Shadow-san as much as possible. What do I do when I graduate...I must decide it to some extent. Haa, indeed I did not even think to be troubled in the different world about my future.

I embark from the north gate of the fortress to the northern area. Saying that it is the north, it isn't even so cold. Although it isn't everlasting summer, but the kingdom has a mild climate throughout the year. You can say that it's to the extent I feel a little chilly. I wear basic short-sleeved pants.

“There are no signs of devil beasts at all”

“Well, the number of monsters who approach places with a lot of people is few. Apart from that, the forest has come into view”

The Treant forest located in the north of the fortress feels overall dark and fearful seeing from the farsightedness. If you say Treant, then it normally imitates a tree to attack...how are they detect?

“Ruu, are you confident that you know where the trents are?” Tsuchio

“...Is it impossible? Probably there is no smell...ah, I think I will know it when there is blood thirst” Ruu

“Then fall behind. Lime?” Tsuchio

“...Koku”

“Oh, is it good? Probably with magic perception...then Rin also can go”

Tsuchio

“Buruu”

“Shadow-san...do you understand it if you go into the shadow? Well, it's also troublesome to dive and check it one by one, so shall I ask only when you don't understand it?” Tsuchio

The basics won't be any problem for Lime and Rin who have magic perception.

“Then shall we enter the forest? It is morning now and an early lunch was taken for a moment so there is no problem for lunch. It is a quite dark forest and we may be at a loss if it becomes too late. Make sure that you'll be careful and rise rather early. Let's leave the forest before sunset”

“Bururuu”

“Hmm, call out to me if you do not notice”

Good, I was interested in the northern devil beast for some time. I won't be long at the fortress, so I hunt as much as possible.